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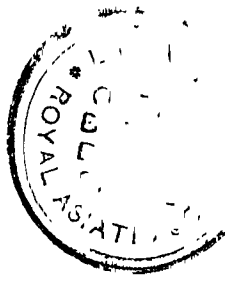

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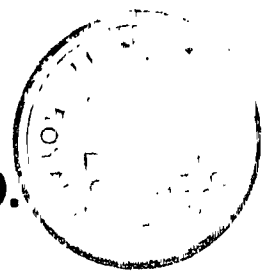

INTRODUCTION.

Situation of Vala.

Vala is a third class State in Kathiawad under the Gohilwad Prant. It is bounded on all sides generally with the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana, and Amreli (Baroda State) huds. Its capital Vala stands on the site of ancient Valbhipur Patan, the seat of the famous Valabhi dynasty. The ancient town was buried underground by the vicissitudes of nature, about 1,800 to 2,000 years ago, or over 1,700 years before the present Gohil dynasty started, and hence the true extent of the old city is not properly traceable, but no doubt, it must be in a very large area, which can be visible from the large thick brick walls, still now and then found from excavations all round the present town in different parts.

Vala is about 22 miles to the North-west of Bhavnagar. The nearest Railway station is Dhola Junction, which is connected by a good metalled road about 11 miles in length, and has fine bridges and culverts all along except at one place, at Umrala, where the large river is unbridged in the Bhavnagar State limits.

Chapter I.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

The area of the State is .....109.3 square miles.
Population.....Males 6,803, Females 6,482, Total 13,285
Gross ordinary revenue. .....Rs. 1,50,000.
Do. Do. (*Average of past 5 years*).....Rs. 1,10,000.
Yearly tribute etc., payable is :—
Gaekwar's Peshkashi.....Rs. 6,854.

Junagadh Jortalbi.....Rs. 2,348.
Jamabandhi of Zilla villages.....Rs. 3,307.

The Taluka has in all 46 villages, of which 15 are Bhayati; six villages are under zilla Hakumat including one of the Bhayati.

Ruler and his family.

Thakore Vakhatsinhji a Gohil Rajput is the present ruler. He came to the Gadi in 1884 A.D. and is now aged 47. He is entitled to be received and visited by the Governor of Bombay.

Vala is an off-shoot of the Bhavnagar house. The original founder of the Gadi was Gohil Visoji, a son of Bhavsinhji who established Bhavnagar in A.D. 1742.

Thakor Vakhatsinhji has two sons. The heir-apparent Kumar Gambhirsinhji is now 21 years old. He returned home last year after studying in England for 5 years. He is now intending to join in the State work. The second son Kumar Mangalsinhji is taking education in Junagadh under Mr. M. A. Turkhud.

The Chief had two wives; both of them died over 14 years ago. He has not re-married.

The two ladies belonged to the Jadeja clans of Kotda Sangani and Mengni which are under the Halar Prant.

The heir-apparent is the son of Kotda lady and the second son of the Mengni lady. The Chief has one daughter, who is married to the Wankaner Raj Saheb, and is the mother of the Wankaner heir-apparent.

Important events.

During the year the Chief attended the Durbar held at Rajkot by H. E. The Governor of Bombay in January last, and had the pleasure of exchanging visit and return visit with His Excellency.

Capt. H. S. Strong, Political agent Gohilvad visited Vala at the end of March last and had his Camp for a week, and expressed satisfaction at the working of the different institutions.

In the personnel, there was no change. Mr. Ratanshah Pestonji Damri, whose services have been kindly lent to the State by the Bombay Government continued as Karbhari.

The Political relations with the neighbouring States remained cordial and the State subjects were entirely aloof from any kind of seditious movements. They are tought to be loyal to the British rule.

Chapter II.

Administration of Land.

Nature of Land.

The land in this part can safely be divided in two divisions, eastern and western halves. The eastern half is the alluvial soil known as Bhâl, where wheat is grown without any irrigation. The western half is ordinary black soil where irrigation is done by wells.

Revenue system.

The general system of revenue in vogue is " Bhágbatái " share system. Only in the Zilla villages the farm system exists. With repeated bad years people like " Bhágbatái " the best, as they do not get involved in any kind of burden, and all sorts of complications for remissions etc., are saved. They have only to pay in the ratio of their yields, and no further bother. Bhágbatái however requires a constant supervision and watch and requires well looking into in the cases of poor and indifferent cultivators, as otherwise, the State may have to suffer for their idleness.

Out turn of crop.

The year was fairly good. The rain came in a distributed form. The total area under cultivation was 43,714 acres under different crops, the details of which will be found under Chapter IV, Production and Distribution.

The general crops are Cotton, Jowari, Bajri, Wheat, Gram and Til ; the chief being Cotton and Wheat.

Cotton showed very prosperous hopes in the beginning, and the plants were under very healthy growth, but some unfavourable winds brought in considerable disappointment, and the out-turn was about 8 to 10 annas in a rupee. However, the high prices compensated the loss to a great extent.

Encouragement to cultivators.

As reported in previous years, since the famine years, there is a general want of cultivators all along, and in order to settle the new comers, liberal helps are given by the State in the way of ready made new houses, and by giving them bullocks and seeds etc. However, with all these inducements, owing to general wants, full compliment is not yet procurable, and as alluded in last year's report, a departmental cultivation was undertaken in 2 of the villages, and it is pleasing to note, that as such, 1,555 Bighas of land were placed under cultivation, and Cotton and Jowari were sown in them which gave a fair yield. Gradually such lands are being handed over to the new comers. It will thus be apparent that the Durbar is doing his best in this line.

Agricultural Stock and the condition of cultivators.

The general condition of the cultivators and the labouring classes was good, so also of the agricultural stock. There was no kind of disease among the cattle and the fodder was plenty. No special helps were given, except to the few needy in the shape of bullocks and seeds.

Alienations.—There were no fresh alienation settlements during the year. Parties of Government Survey Settlement Officers surveyed land as usual in the Zillah villages for the purpose of new classification of lands, and their work was under progress.

There were no fresh boundary disputes during the year, but as usual the erections of fallen pillars, etc. were carried out smoothly in the ordinary routine. Some previous disputes with Amreli (Baroda) are pending.

The detailed revenue survey of the State villages is in progress.

Irrigation.

There are no favourable sites for the irrigation works and hence there is no canal irrigation. The western district depends on well irrigation; the eastern district "Bhâl" is unsuitable for irrigation, as, sweet water is not available in that part. For drinking water people there have to depend upon village tanks, and they did fair service during the year.

Chapter III.

Protection.

Legislation.

There are no special laws of the State, but the British laws in their general spirits are adopted in all the Courts.

Military.

There is no regular military force maintained in the State, but the armed police is trained to a considerable pitch with regular drills, etc., under Military pensioned men.

Police.

The police force comprises 20 mounted and 132 foot. Of the latter 50 are regular and the rest irregular, including village police. Regulars have muzzle loading guns and the irregulars have swords and battons. The ratio of police to population is .011, and to area 1.39.

There are two Fouzdars, one for the city and its neighbouring villages, and the other for the district.

The village police is paid in some cases in cash and some hold land on service tenure. During monsoon when crops are in the fields, extra temporary hands " mosamis " are also employed in addition.

Offences.

Appendix V will show that the number of offences reported during the year was 130 against 95 last year and of the accused arrested 116 against 107. 116 were sent for trial, of whom 73 were convicted, 35 acquitted or discharged and the rest awaited trial. The percentage of conviction was 62.9.

Stolen property.

The value of stolen property amounted to Rs. 1,252 against Rs. 2,951 last year ; amount recovered was Rs. 833, the percentage of recovery being 66.5 against 68.7 last year.

Nature of crimes.

Appendix VII gives details of the number and nature of crimes and punishments inflicted. They were of ordinary nature as usual.

Criminal Justice.

There are two Courts and their working is shown in Appendix VIII. The total number of persons dealt with was 126 against 107 last year. 73 were convicted, 18 were discharged without trial and 17 acquitted. At the close of the year 18 awaited trial, of whom 11 were on bail and the rest in Jail.

Criminal Appeals.

There were in all 14 appeals, 12 in the Nyayadhish Court and 2 in the Huzur Court. Appendix IX will show that in five cases sentences were confirmed and in 6 modified. 3 appeals were pending at the close of the year.

Civil Justice.

There are three Courts (1) the Huzur Court: (2) the Nyayadhish Court and (3) the Deputy Nyayadhish Court.

Appendix X gives the details of the nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of. The number of suits filed during the year was 45 of the total value of Rs. 3,117. 43 suits of the value of Rs. 3,063, were disposed of. Average duration was one month and 20 days. Of the 45 suits brought on the list during the year, one was for landed property, 42 were for money transaction and 2 were for other rights.

Execution of decrees.

Appendix XI explains the results of the execution of decrees. There were in all 698 decrees brought on the register including 143 pending at the close of

the last year of an aggregate value of Rs. 1,03,165. Of these owing to a fairly good year, 358 decrees amounting to pretty large sums of Rs. 64,032 were disposed of.

Civil appeals.

There was only one appeal brought in during the year which with the two pending at the close of the last year amounted to 3 in all. One was disposed of leaving 2 at the close of the year.

Extradition.

This calls for no remarks. The demand was as usual.

Prison.

There is one Jail in Vala proper. It has 8 cells in all including separate accommodation for Civil and under-trial prisoners. It provides separate kitchens and a work-shed. The Jail is enclosed by a high wall. The regular police is doing the guard duty. There were six prisoners remaining in the Jail at the close of the last year ; 48 were newly admitted, making a total of 54. 42 were released during the year, leaving 12 at the close of the year. The total cost excluding the guard was Rs. 538. There was no mortality. The prisoners enjoyed good health.

Registration.

Appendix XIV gives the nature and value of documents registered. Appendix XV shows the receipts and charges of the same. There were 25 documents presented during the year for registration, of which 18 of the aggregate value of Rs. 18,876 were registered, 4 were refused and three were pending enquiry at the close of the year. Of those registered 10 were for mortgage, 7 for sales and one was for will. The fees realized amounted to Rs. 48-1-4 against 43-2-0 last year.

Municipality.

There is no regular municipal committee. The town having a population under 5000 cannot properly come under the category as such. The State officials ably manage the supervision of cleanliness, lighting, watering, road repairs, conservancy and the rearing of trees, etc. The neatness of the town is generally admired by the visitors.

The main items of income are house-tax and octroi. The receipts are generally much shorter than the expenditure. During the year under report the receipts amounted to Rs. 5,107 while the expenditure was Rs. 7,561 vide appendix XVI. The deficit is very liberally met by the Durbar without any addition of any fresh taxes on the people.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution.

(*a*) Weather of crop.

The year under report was a fairly good one. The rain had a good beginning and continued in a distributed form. The total fall was 24.07 inches against 20.10 last year. The average of the past five years comes to 18.71 inches. The general out-turn of the crops was on the whole favourable. The total areas under main different crops were as under :—

Crops.	Khalsa District.	Bhayati Estates.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1 Cotton	13,062	6,893	19,955
2 Jowari.	9,426	4,731	14,157
3 Wheat.	3,683	404	4,087
4 Bajri.	1,548	1,205	2,753
5 Til.	708	1,199	1,907
6 Gram.	540	315	855
Total...	28,967	14,747	43,714

It can be seen that the Cotton stands at the top and to a greater bulk than the others. But unfortunately its growth was marred at the end, after giving very prosperous hopes, owing to some unfavourable winds. However, the high market prices made up the losses to a considerable extent as already mentioned in the foregoing chapters. Jowari stands 2nd and wheat as 3rd. They all gave a fair out-turn.

All possible efforts are made to improve the cultivation and the needy are supplied with good seeds, bullocks etc.

The area under Sugar-cane and other kind of crops was very limited.

The cotton grown is Mathio which gives yield by Diwali or November. Though it is not of a superior kind, since the repeat-

ed bad years, the people have resorted to its cultivation, to be on the safe side, and on the whole they do not lose by it.

(*b*) Wages and prices of food-grain.

The wages remained as usual. There were no marked fluctuations, except during the harvest season. The people earned well and were happy. The prices of staple food grains were lower than the last year as shown in Appendix XVIII.

(*c*) Forest.

There are no regular forests in the State. The country is flat and in a very small area. Babools are reared in the waste lands, on nalah sides. The soil of our zilla villages is agreeable for the growth of mango trees, and we have nice plantations of them there. In good years they used to give a large out turn of about 6 to 8 thousand rupees, but since the famine years, they bring in hardly one third.

Road side trees are reared with great care. Round the city drives, young nim-trees are planted in a large extent and their growth is progressing well. In the course of time they will afford a lively shade and delightful view.

(*d*) Trade and manufacture.

The main items of trade are cotton, wheat and Jowari. The total exports amounted to Rs. 4,90,923 and the imports Rs. 1,97,377. The bulk of the export is in cotton and grain and the imports are chiefly piece-goods, timber, spices and cutlery etc. There is no manufactory of any special kind in this place. The State maintains a work-shop of their own which meets all sorts of wants of the State requirements in making and repairing carriages, furniture, harnesses, and the like, and thereby affords great facility and substantial work. Various miscellaneous kinds of works are also executed in it.

(*e*) Public works.

Appendix XIX gives details of public works executed, a total sum of Rs. 13,914 was spent during the year. The chief items are construction and repairs to the State buildings, road repairs and village improvements.

(*f*) Post-Offices.

In Vala itself there is a combined Post and Telegraph office. In other villages there are no regular post-offices, but in some the school masters do the work and in some only letter boxes are kept which are cleared by village post-men on their delivery rounds.

(*g*) Mint.

There is no mint in the State. British Coins are under general circulation and use.

(*h*) General condition of the State and people.

The general condition of the people and of the State was good. There was no epidemic and there was no kind of disturbance. The relations with the neighbouring States and generally all round were cordial and the people were happy.

Appendix XX gives the number of different kinds of domestic animals and agricultural live-stocks. There was no marked increase or decrease than the last year. Cattle did not suffer in any way and the fodder was abundant.

(*i*) Excise.

Appendix XXI gives the details of Excise revenue. The total revenue was Rs. 1,073. The sale of country liquor and Ganja is very limited, so also of the opium. There are no toddy trees in this part and hence there is no sale of Todi, and people of Kathiawad have not generally much liking for it.

Chapter V.

Revenue and Finance.

The year on the whole was a good one and the State had been able to pay a good lot against arrears to meet the strain of the last year, which as mentioned in the previous year's report was a partial failure. Nearly 18,000 rupees were also paid towards the State debt. The details of receipts and charges are given in Appendix XXII which represents the figures of the Diwali year, that is upto October; since then, before the close of the official year ending March, large sums amounting to nearly Rs. 30,000 have been paid towards Government tribute, Jamabandi etc., and thus the State is endeavouring its best in its finances.

The State has not taken any Government or guaranteed loans.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

Hospital and Dispensaries.

There is a Hospital in Vala proper well-conducted under Dr. Darabshah D. Mistri, L.M.&S.

The present Hospital building is a very old one, and arrangements have been made for re-building it, giving nearly double the

accommodation and providing separate quarters for doctor and his assistants. The work will be soon taken in hand, the necessary materials are being collected and we anticipate to complete it during this year. The new building when completed will amply meet the wants of the place and will provide good facilities for the comforts of the sick.

Patients treated.

The number of patients treated was 5,268 against 4,414 last year. The increase is not due to any particular kind of sickness, or the like, but many out siders avail the advantage of our popular doctor and it is pleasing to note that in all people of 63 neighbouring villages, etc., in addition to Vala proper, availed the benefit; it may at the same time be noted that many of these villages did not belong to Vala and no medicine fees are charged to anybody. The Darbar very liberally pays for all. The number of in-door patients was 11 against 5 last year. The daily average was 59 against 45 ; according to daily attendance an aggregate number of 21,693 persons availed the benefit. 146 Major and minor operations were performed, some of which were important, and were all successful.

The general health of the people was good. There was no kind of epidemic or plague.

The total expenditure was Rs. 3,170.

The Hospital possesses a fine stock of Surgical instruments of different descriptions and a large stock of necessary medicines is always kept at hand.

It can thus be seen that the chief has fully at his heart for the comforts of the sick, which is a great boon.

Vaccination.

Vaccination is managed by the Agency. The number of Children vaccinated during the year was 485, of whom 233 were boys, and 252 girls, one was re-vaccinated.

Births and deaths.

The number of births during the year was 458 against 373, last year. The ratio per 1,000 was 34.4.

The total number of deaths during the year was 210 against 209 last year. The ratio per 1,000 was 15.7.

The work of registering births and deaths is done in Vala by the City Fouzdar and in villages by the Police Patels.

Chapter VII.

Education.

There are eight Schools in the Taluka same as last year.

1 Middle School teaching upto Standard III.
6 Primary Boys' Schools.
1 „ Girls' School.

Appendix XXV gives the details of number of pupils and their average.

At the close of the year the total number of pupils on the roll was 374 against 365 last year. The daily average attendance was 284 against 285 last year, a little imperceptible reduction in attendance may be attributed to marriage year.

The total expenditure over all the schools was Rs. 2,726.

All the Schools are doing good work. The results of the examinations were pronounced satisfactory. Kindergarten and drill amusements are taught to boys and girls, and they seem to have much liking for them.

Prizes were distributed to the different school children at the kind hands of Capt. Strong, the Political Agent, Gohilwad, at the time of his last visit, and he was well impressed with the show made in the recitations, etc., by the chidren, and passed very favourable remarks in the visitors' book.

The School buildings and Gymnasium are spacious. Disciplines are maintained according to Government instructions. Cricket is played as an out-door game.

The general health of the children was good.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press. There is no printing press in this State. The general printing work of the State is done at Rajkot or elsewhere according to the convenience.

Library.

There is a free library at Vala maintained by the Darbar. English and Gujarati daily and weekly papers and magazines are supplied. No seditious papers are allowed to come in.

Ginning Factory.

There is one Ginning factory in Vala. It has worked well during the year. There was a change in the ownership during the year under report and the new proprietor Mr. Dinshaw Ruwala, a well-known princely cotton merchant of Bhavnagar intends extending the factory to a considerable extent in order to give better facilities to the public and to the neighbouring villages. Vala ginned cotton bears a good name in the Bhavnagar market.

Fire appliances.

There is one fire engine which is kept in working order. There was no fire worth mentioning or taking notice of. A few blazes here and there were immediately extinguished.

Water Supply.

Water Supply all throughout the year was fairly good. The village tanks have done fair service. River in this part has no visible surface current, but by digging small holes in sand at suitable places, good water is available. These are constantly looked after and people do not feel the want. Except river bed, sweet water is not available in Vala. There is also a tank in Vala proper and it amply meets the want of certain people living on that side.

The use of pipe service referred in the last year's report was extended to the Ginning factory this year and rendered beautiful service all through in meeting its full wants and giving safe margin against risks of fire.

Conclusion.

The relations with Bhayats were cordial. A general meeting of the Girassia Association was held at Vala in February last, when every facility was given by the Darbar for the Girassias assembled.

In order to improve the condition of the Girassias the learned president of the Association Kumar Harbhamji impressed upon them the advantages of education and proposed for opening a Hostel for Girasia boys at Vala at moderate fees so that they can live there economically under general supervision and may receive education in the Vala Schools. To this laudable object a hearty consent was given that if an adequate number of about 20 boys be forth-coming the State

would be quite prepared for it. It is obvious that without such a number, the expenses in general may not be covered. It is hoped the Girassias will soon begin to achieve the advantages and try their best to improve their present deplorable condition, which to a great measure is due to their want of education.

The year on the whole passed favourably.

VALA,
1st May 1910.

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Karbhari, Vala State.

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Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1909-10.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Mr. Ratanshah P. Damri.	Karbhari.	1st April 1909.	31st March 1910.	His services have been lent to this State by Government.

Vala, 1st May 1910.

R. P. DAMRI,

Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
			No special laws of the State but the British laws in their general spirit are adopted.

VALA, 1st May 1910.

R. P. DAMRI,

Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1909–10.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of the last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	No. of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	No. of Guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Cavalry. ...														
Sappers. ...														
Artillery. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Infantry. ...														
Imperial Service Troops...														

VALA, 1st May 1910.

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Appendix IV.

Statement showing the Strength, Cost, Discipline and Education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1909–10.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally	Punished judicially.	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Havaldar. ...	2	15	30	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	
do ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Full Naik ...	3	12	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bugler. ...	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
First class Constable. ...	13	9	117	...	...	. .	6	...	...	...	
Second class „ ...	6	8	48	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	
Third class „ ...	14	7	98	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
Fourth class „ ...	4	6	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fifth class „ ...	2	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	50		450	...	...	...	9	...	6	...	

VALA, 1st May 1910.

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Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State, during the year 1909–10.

State.	Number ef offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused. convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5.)		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala	95	130	107	116	107	116	69	73	34	35	63.6	62.9	63.6	62.9	18 Awaiting trial. 7 In Jail 11 On Bail 18

VALA, 1st May 1910.

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Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1909–10.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	1908-09	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	1908-09.	1909-10.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Valá.	2951-9-0	1252-13-3	2027-15-9	832-15-9	68.7	66.5	

VALA, 1st May 1910.

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Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1909–10.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of Persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of Imprisonment.									Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
								Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.								Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.			
	Balance form past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	1	4	5	2	2	2	1	...	..	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Theft.	...	48	48	18	17	50	36	...	...	...	22	14	...	36	8	...	...	2	6	...	8	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Enticing a married woman.	...	2	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	2	5	7	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Simple hurt.	...	23	23	6	11	19	4	...	...	...	2	2	...	4	11	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
House breaking.	...	8	8	4	3	6	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Suicide.	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Adultery.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rape.	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Possessing false weight.	...	2	2	2	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Crimes against opium rules.	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Miscellaneous.	7	37	44	29	21	37	28	...	...	...	18	10	...	28	9	...	...	...	3	5	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	10	130	140	68	57	126	73	...	...	...	46	27	...	73	35	...	...	2	9	7	17	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	18	

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Appendix VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Number.	Name of Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.						Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of the year.	Brought to trial in 1909-10					Total.		Discharged without trial.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
					Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.				Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.		
		1908-09.	1909-10.							1908-09.	1909-10.							
1	Nyayadhish Court.	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3*	*3 On Bail
2	Deputy Court.	93	130	7	90	2	24	...	...	107	123	18	17	73	...	...	15+	+8 On Bail 7 In Jail
		95	130	10	90	2	24	...	...	107	126	18	17	73	...	...	18	15

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Appendix IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																	Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Valá.	Nyayadhish Court	12	...	...	5	4	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4*	3	*2 In jail
	Hazur Court	2	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		14	...	...	6	5	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	

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Appendix X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Valá State during the year 1909-10.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs. 500 & under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000.	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
1	Valá.	26	7	66	45	92	52	85	43	7	9	3117	1	42	2	34	10	1	...	...	6	32	1	4	3063	M. D. 1.20	

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Appendix XI.

Civil Work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1909-10

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of.			Remarks.
	1908–09	1909–10		1908–09	1909–10	Value for present year	1908–09	1909–10	Value for present year.	1908–09	1909–10	Value for present year.	1908–09	1909–10	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
Nyayadhish Court ...	1	6	4,780	6	5	9,485	7	11	14,265	1	7	4,780	6	4	9,485	1	3	...	
Deputy Court ...	142	376	45,186	391	311	43,714	533	687	88,900	157	351	59,252	376	336	29,648	251	50	35	
	143	382	49,966	397	316	53,199	540	698	1,03,165	158	358	64,032	382	340	39,133	252	53	35	

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Appendix XII

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during Rs		How disposed of.										Average duration.		Remarks
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D	
Nyayadhish Court ...	4	2	7	1	11	3	9	1	2	2	809	25	...	...	1	...	7	1	...	...	1	...	0-5-12	1-3-0	
Hazur Court. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	4	2	7	1	11	3	9	1	2	2	809	25	...	...	1	...	7	1	...	...	1	...	0-5-12	1-3-0	

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Appendix XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1909–10.

Stations.	Number of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				1908–09	1909–10	1908–09	1909–10				
										Days.	
Vala....	1	6	48	41	54	7.3	10.01	12	*538	21	No mortality has occurred during the year. *Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV.

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1909-10.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Vala.	13	25	11	10	2	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	18	5,763	18,876	...	4	...	3	

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Appendix XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Registration during the year 1909-10 in Vala State.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.			No. of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.			
Mortgage with possession... ...	11	5,583	0	0	37	8	0	10	2,931	0	0	26	8	0	
Simple mortgage...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale...	2	180	0	0	5	10	0	8	15,945	0	0	21	9	4	
Usufructuary mortgage...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	13	5,763	...	...	43	2	...	18	18,876	...	...	48	1	4	
Expenditure.....			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	13	5,763	...	...	43	2	...	18	18,876	...	...	48	1	4	

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Appendix XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on 31 st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present		Past.	Present		
Vala.	...	3,809	5,107	5,107	5,254	7,561	...	The deficit is made up by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of rain fall in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

State.	April 1909.	May 1909.	June 1909.	July 1909.	August 1909.	September 1909.	October 1909.	November 1909.	December 1909.	January 1910.	February 1910.	March 1910.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years	Remarks.
Vala.	.02	...	8.65	6.81	3.85	4.43	.03	...	.28	...	...	...	24.07	20.10	18.71	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of Staple food-grains in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Article.	During March [past year.] per Rupee.			During March [present year.] per Rupee.			Remarks.
		Sers	Tolas		Sers	Tolas	
Wheat...	...	9	10	...	9	30	
Bajri...	...	10	20	...	12	10	
Jowar...	...	14	20	...	16	10	
Gram	...	8	30	...	10	10	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works, during the year 1909-10.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
City Road Repairs.	...	1500	1500	...	...	...	1500
District Road Repairs...	...	716	716	...	...	...	716
Construction and Repairs to Darbari Buildings.	...	3711	3711	...	...	...	3711
Public Gardens.	...	2297	2297	...	...	...	2297
Miscellaneous Repairs, Construction of wells and Tanks, River bunds and village Houses. ...	2276	3414	5690	...	...	...	5690
	2276	11638	13914	...	...	...	13914

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

District.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies. and Heifers	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.
				Males.	Females.									
Vala....	1909-10.	2628	1027	980	1265	29	113	1375	154	8467	1048	348	14	694

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue of the Vala State during the year 1909-10.

Name of State.	Country spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs		Rs.	
Vala....	3	131	5	917	1	25	...	...	9	1073	Refund on pass-fees of opium is realized by the State separately.

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APPENDIX XXII.

Statement showing receipts and charges of the Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1909.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Opening balance.	2,129	A. Tribute	5,526
A. Land Revenues.	1,49,533	B. Refunds	...
B. Forest...	...	C. Administration... ...	44,000
C. Excise...	1,073	D. Education...	2,306
D. Stamp...	628	E. Dispensary...	3,170
E. Law and Justice... ...	3,980	F. Domestic charges, ordinary including servants	35,436
F. Miscellaneous	11,106	Domestic, extraordinary	5,000
G. Extraordinary miscellaneous including granary...	12,375	Stables	9,994
Total A to G...	1,78,695	Education of Kumars.	15,010
H. Debt including loans ...	...	G. Religious Dharmada.	6,287
		H. Public work	13,914
		I. Stamp department.	...
		J. Pensions.	652
		K. Miscellaneous & Conservancy &c... ...	20,843
		L. Repayment of debt...	18,067
		Total A to L...	1,80,205
		Closing balance...	619
Grand Total...	1,80,824	Grand Total...	1,80,824

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1909–10.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Vala...	5257	11	10	1	...	...	3170	59	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1909–10.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
		1908-09	1909-10			1908-09	1909-10			Births.		Deaths.		
										1908-09	1909-10	1908-09	1909-10	
Valá	13285	373	458	85	...	209	210	1	...	28.2	34.4	15.7	15.7	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1909–10.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance		Expenditure.			Remarks.
1908–09	1909–10		1908–09	1909–10	1908–09	1909–10	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
1	1	Middle School.	39	14*	31.8	19		420	...	*Pending new admissions.
6	6	Primary Boys' Schools.	242	262	194.43	203		..	2306	
1	1	Primary Girls' Schools.	84	98	59.54	62		...		
8	8		365	374	285.77	284		420	2306	

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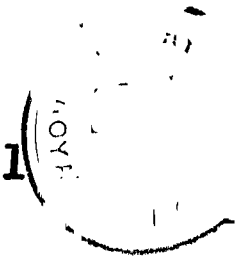
ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

VALA STATE

FOR THE YEAR 1910-11



INTRODUCTION.

Situation of the Vala State.

Vala State is situated in the Gohilwad Prant in Kathiawar, under the Bombay Presidency. It is about 22 miles to the North-West of Bhavnagar, and about 25 miles North of the holy Jain Shetruja Hill at Palitana.

It is bounded generally on all sides with Bhavnagar State, and to a certain extent here and there with Chamardi Thana and Baroda State limits.

Its capital town Vala occupies the site of famous historical old Valabhipur-Patan, the seat of Valabhi dynasty, whose ruins lie buried below thick layers of black soil and silt under the modern town and its neighbourhood. The only remains of old buildings, are the large foundation bricks, of which generally the present town houses and the wall round the city are built.

Amongst the remains that are found, are scattered Lingas some of very large size, and a life size granite Nandi or bull (unfortunately without head) which are preserved near the modern Sidheshwar Mahadev Temple.

Diggers of old bricks have found now and then copper pots and copper plates of 7th century, when the history tells this town was buried. Also some small Budhist relics, beads, ring stones of Akik, Cambay stone, clay seals, and earthen vessels are found, which are preserved in the form of a small museum attached to the Library.

No other outer sign exists to represent this old important city. Formerly it must be a harbour town in the Bhavnagar creek, which has since been choked up with heavy silt.

The nearest railway station for Vala is Dhola Junction of the Bhavnagar State Railway, which is connected by a good metalled road about 11 miles in length, which has fine bridges and culverts all along, except at one place at Umrala (Bhavnagar State limit) just at half the way. Here the large river Kalubhar passes, which while under heavy floods in monsoon, generally stops the traffic for a day or so, and ordinarily it having a sandy bed is also somewhat troublesome. The Bhavnagar State is thinking of building a causeway over it, which if carried out will be a great boon to the public.

CHAPTER I.

General and Political.

The Area of the State is.....109.3 square miles.

Population according to recent census is 6733 Males and 6278 Females.....Total 13011.

Gross ordinary Revenue.....Rs. 1,50,000.

Do. Do. *(Average of past 5 years)*.....Rs. 1,20,000

Yearly Tribute &c., payable is :—

Gaekwar's Peshkashi.....Rs. 6,854.

Junagadh Jortalbi.....Rs. 2,348.

Jamabandi of Zilla villages.....Rs. 3,307.

No. of villages.

The Taluka has in all 46 villages, of which 15 are Bhayati. Of these 46, six are under Zilla Hakumat, including one which is a Bhayati village.

Political Status.

In the Political Status the Taluka has been classed as a 3rd Class State by Government, and is under the Kathiawar Political Agency. The chief is entitled to official visits and return visits to and from the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

Out of 46 villages, in 40, the Jurisdiction in Criminal and Civil matters is directly in the hands of the Chief, who has powers to pass sentences up to 7 years in Criminal matters, and can decide Civil Suits up to the value of Rs. 20,000. The chief has also powers to dispose of Political cases subject to the appeal in the Agent to the Governor's Court.

In the 6 Zilla villages, the Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction belongs to British Government, while the Darbar has complete revenue rights.

Ruler and his family.

The present ruler is Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji, a Gohil Rajput, aged 48. He came to the Gadi in A.D. 1884. The Vala dynasty is an offshoot of the Bhavnagar House. The original founder of the present Vala Gadi was Gohil Visoji, a son of Bhavsingji who established Bhavnagar in A.D. 1742.

The history (Gujrat Gazetteer) tells that these Bhavnagar Gohils admittedly belong to Valabhi Stock. It further says that these Gohils have not only taken their name from the original race of Ghelots and Gohils, but that also from the name of King Guha or Guhasena, the fourth ruler and apparently the first great sovereign among the Valabhis (A. D. 559-567).

After the Valabhis many other important dynasties have ruled in this part.

The present Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji has taken good education. He has special genius and liking for public works, sanitation and development of industries, and in consideration of the small Taluka and its mights, the money is well spent in these useful lines.

Progeny.

Thakor Saheb has two sons and a daughter, the latter was married to Wankaner Raj Saheb 6 years ago, and it is pleasing to say that she is now the mother of Wankaner Heir-apparent.

Of the two sons, heir-apparent Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji is now 22 years of age. He has taken good education in England for 5 years at the Harrow School. He now attends to different branches of administration in the Taluka to learn their routine, and has well advanced in them.

The second son K. S. Mangalsingji, aged 16, is still studying.

Thakor Saheb had two wives, one belonged to Kotda Sangani, and the other to Mengni, both of Jadeja clans. They both died over 16 years ago, Kotda lady leaving behind her, the heir-apparent and a daughter, and the Mengni lady leaving after her the second son. Thakor Saheb has since not re-married, as he had sufficient progeny ; a wise and most thoughtful idea.

Important events.
Marriage of Thakor Saheb's niece.

The chief event during the year was the celebration of marriage of Ba Shri Yashwantba daughter of Thakor Saheb's late brother Akherajji, with the Mengni Thakor Raghavsingji. It was celebrated with great eclat and pomp at Dared in April 1910, and every success was

due to the Vala Thakore Saheb's personal presence and undivided labour to attend all the guests and marriage party. The occasion passed most successfully without any hitch or accident.

Visit of Political officers.

In the beginning of April 1910, Captain H. S. Strong, who was then Political Agent Gohilwad, had his camp at Vala, and in November, Col. J. Davies, his successor, also paid a visit. Both these officers inspected different Institutions &c., and expressed satisfaction and recorded good opinions in visitor-books.

Sad events.

The most lamentable news of the sudden demise of his Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh Emperor of India came like a thunder bolt on the 6th May 1910, and the whole population was cast under deep gloom in losing such a popular and noble peace seeking worthy ruler. A due observance of mourning was immediately kept, and out of respect to the revered memory, schools, public offices and Buzars were closed for 3 days, and on the funeral day.

Messages of sincere sympathy and condolence were communicated to the Royal family through the Agent to the Governor.

It is however pleasing that we have had an equally popular successor, His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth, Emperor of India, a worthy son of a worthy father, whose formal accession is soon coming out, to which we sincerely wish every success, and that the almighty God may bless His Majesty with a most prosperous happy and peaceful reign to be long enjoyed with the Royal consort.

Memorial.

In recognition of the cherished memory of the late noble Emperor, it is pleasing to record that Thakore Saheb has decided to memorialize by attaching the popular name to the New Hospital at Vala to be called "The Edward Hospital" and the building has been so designed as to be well worthy of the name. The work has already been commenced and it has advanced considerably. The building is intended to meet all sorts of facilities and requirements of the recent times.

The Hospital main building, independent of Doctor and compounder's quarters &c. is estimated to cost nearly Rs. 15,000.

It thus goes without saying that there could be no better befitting memorial than this in a small town like Vala, where the sick will get fine comforts and happiness, and their blessings will in no way be less.

Further sad events.

During the year under report further sad and painful events occurred in Kathiawar itself, which lost one after the other the following leading chiefs. :—

(1). Thakore Saheb Balsinhji of Wadhwan, who was an intimate personal friend of our Thakor Saheb Vakhatsingji, died on the 25th May 1910.

(2). H. H. Sir Rasulkhanji G.C.S.I., Nawab Saheb of Junagadh, died on the 22nd January 1911.

(3). H. H. Sir Ajitsinhji K.C.S.I., Raj Saheb of Dhrangadhra, died on the 8th February 1911.

On receipt of these lamentable news, out of respect to their memories and friendliness with the State, public offices and schools were closed.

Political relations with neighbouring States.

The political relations with neighbouring States were on the whole cordial, and there was nothing which requires any special mention. General co-operation and peace were maintained.

No seditions movements.

There were no seditious movements in this Taluka of any kind against the British Government or in any other way. There were no such sort of meetings, and the School boys and people in general are tought to be loyal to the British rule. The prohibited books &c., are not allowed to be imported or circulated, and no instance of any violation of these orders has come to notice.

Personnel.

In the personnel there was no change. Mr. Ratanshah Pestonji Damri whose services were kindly lent to the State 6 years ago by Government, continued as Karbhari during the whole year.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Nature of land.

The country is generally flat. The soil is partly black and partly alluvial, and it can safely be divided in to two main groups, viz:—Eastern and Western circles. The eastern part is generally alluvial soil known as Bhál where wheat and other crops are grown without irrigation. Sweet-water is not available in this part. If any watering is done, which is necessitated in bad times, the land gets spoiled, and it has to be kept fallow for 3 or 4 years to be sweetened. Thus, in this Eastern

division crops entirely depend upon good monsoon only, however the soil is very agreeable to cotton and wheat which are chief items of revenue.

In the other western district the soil is generally black, and sweet water is all along found from wells. Thus both monsoon and irrigated crops are raised in this part.

Revenue system.

The general practice in vogue is "Bhagbatai" or share system. Only in the 6 Zilla villages farm or fixed vighoti system exists.

Bhagbatai is somewhat preferable to people in general, and it also saves trouble about remissions, &c., in bad years, but at the same time it requires good looking into, specially in cases of poor and indifferent cultivators, as their idleness &c. will bring a corresponding loss to the State; so also a good eye is equally necessary over the State Vahivati and Khalavad servants.

Nature of crops grown.

The general crops are cotton, jowari, wheat, bajri, gram, til and pulse; the first three form the bulk. Details will be found under chapter IV "Production and Distribution." Sugar-cane is also grown in our Western District, but its cultivation is very limited.

Encouragement to cultivators.

Encouragement to cultivators is given in the best way. As mentioned in last year's report, every facility is given by the Darbar to the new cultivators, who are hardly procurable, as, since famine years, their number is greatly reduced and there is a demand for them from all sides.

A considerable portion of land which remained fallow for many years, and was over grown with trees and and shrubberies was departmentaly improved last year. This has since been handed over to the new cultivators, who have found a ready job to proceed at once without going into heavy expenditure at a start, which their poor purses could not have afforded otherwise.

Houses for new settlers.

Further helps are being given to the new cultivators in the form of new houses, as, the old houses were destroyed, and were in ruinous state. Last year several houses were built in different villages, and in the year under report, 30 more houses were under construction at Nasitpur, of which 22 have been completed; and at Loliana out of 30, eleven are ready. The work is under progress, and before monsoon, we hope to have them all completed.

Agricultural stock and the condition of cultivators.

The general condition of the agricultural stock and of the cultivators was good. There was no kind of disease among the cattle, and the stock of fodder was ample. Special helps were given to a few needy and to the new clutivators in the shape of bullocks and seeds, which amounted to Rs. 4,391 in all.

All these show, that the Darbar has been doing his best, in liberally meeting the wants of the new settlers, in the shape of ready tilled land, new houses, bullocks and seeds &c., and we may hope to achieve the fruits of the same in the form of increased revenue very soon.

Irrigation.

There are no favourable sites for irrigation works and hence there are no such tanks or canals in this Taluka. The country is flat, and rivers have no rocky suitable beds for overflows. As explained before, the Western District depends upon well irrigation, while the Eastern District "Bhál" having no sweet water, depends entirely upon monsoon. In "Bhál" for drinking water people have to depend upon village tanks only ; they have done good service during the year.

The small pumping oil engine erected over the garden well at Vala, supplies water partly to the garden, and for rearing young nim trees &c., by canal round the city drives. It also supplies drinking water for the Darbargad &c., through pipe service. This scheme is being developed gradually.

Alienations and boundary disputes.

There were no fresh alienations and boundary disputes of any peculiar nature. Some old boundary disputes with the Baroda State remain unsettled since long, pending arrival of their responsible officer, but this has taken a pretty long time, and the Darbar is much anxious to bring an early end to it.

The ordinary work of erecting fallen pillars &c., with the other States was carried out smoothly as usual.

The detailed revenue survey work in the State villages was under progress.

Government survey parties who were working in our Zilla villages last year, finished their work during the year under report, and now they have taken in hand the work of classification.

Change of compass survey field books into Theodolite.

It is very pleasing to mention that with the hearty co-operation of the Bhavnagar State, it was decided to replace some of the old compass survey boundary field books, as they are invariably not exact, and are often a source of complications in cases of disputes. A fresh Theodolite survey was done on the existing boundaries of our village Haliad with Ujalvav under Bhavnagar, and that of Nasitpur with Lakhanka and Rohisala under Bhavnagar. The work was carried out by the surveyors of both the States jointly, and the new field books were signed by the chief authorities on both the sides, and submitted to the Agency, and were admitted. This will evidently save considerable trouble in future.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Legislation.

There are no special laws of the State for criminal and civil legislation, but the British laws in their general spirit are adopted in all the Courts. In the matter of registration and such like the State has its own rules.

Military.

There is no regular military force maintained by the State. But the armed police is trained to a considerable pitch with regular drills &c., under military pensioned men.

Police.

The police force comprises 20 mounted and 132 foot, of which 50 are regular and the rest irregular including village police. Regulars have muzzle loading guns, and the irregulars have swords and battons. The ratio of police to population is 1·1 per 100, and to area 1·39 per sq. mile.

There are two Fouzdars who look after the Eastern and Western divisions.

The village police is paid in cash in about $\frac{2}{3}$rd cases and the rest have land on service tenure. In monsoon extra men are also employed as " Mosamis. "

Working of Police.

Appendix V shows that the number of offences reported was 136 against 130 last year, and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 128 against 116. In all 146 accused were to be dealt with including 18 awaiting trial at the close of the last year. Of these 146, 65 were convicted, 74 acquitted and discharged and 7 awaited trial at the close of the year under report. The percentage of conviction was 50.

Stolen property.

The value of stolen property was Rs. 287-2-0 against Rs. 1252-13-3 last year. Property worth Rs. 49-14-0 was recovered (vide Appendix VI.)

Nature of crimes.

Appendix VII gives details of the number and the nature of crimes, and punishment inflicted. The bulk of crimes was in petty thefts.

Criminal and Civil Justice.

There are two Courts for Criminal and Civil Justices : Nyayadhish and Deputy Nyayadhish Courts, over whom the Huzur Court hears appeals.

The office of the Nyayadhish Court is filled up by a competent Judge Mr. Ambalal G. Patel, B.A.,LL.B. There has been a change in the place of Deputy Nyayadhish also, and a competent man has been placed in the charge. The working of these Courts was satisfactory, as could be seen from the different appendices to be treated hereafter.

Criminal offences dealt with.

The number of offences reported and persons dealt with by the two Courts is given under Appendix VIII. This shows that the total number of offences reported was 136, and that of persons dealt with was 146 ; of these, 65 were convicted, 15 acquitted and 59 discharged without trial. 7 persons remained at the close of the year to be tried, of whom 2 were on bail, and 5 were in Jail.

Criminal appeals.

There were in all 11 appeals ; 7 in the Nyayadhish Court, and 4 in the Huzur Court, (vide appendix IX.) In 5 cases sentences were confirmed, and in 6 modified.

Appendix X gives details of the nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of. 76 suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 7486 were filed, of which 69 of the total value of Rs. 6637 were disposed of against 45 of the value of Rs. 3117 last year. The result speaks for itself. Average duration was one month.

Execution of decrees.

Appendix XI explains the execution of decrees. There were in all 654 decrees of the value of Rs. 77,377 of which a large bulk of 429 of the aggregate value of Rs. 49,843 was disposed of. This is equally satisfactory.

Civil Appeals.

There were in all 5 Civil appeals during the year under report, vide Appendix XII. They were all disposed of. In one case the decision of the lower Court was confirmed, and in 3 cases modified. One case was remanded for re-hearing.

Extradition. The demand was as usual for extradition, and it calls for no special remarks.

Prison. There is one Jail at Vala, and a small lock up at Loliana, the latter is seldom used only as a temporary measure.

Vala Jail has 8 cells, which include separate accommodation for civil and under-trial prisoners. It has a separate kitchen and a small work-shed within the Jail walls. The guard duty is done by the regular Police, and not by special warders.

There were 12 prisoners in the Jail at the close of the last year, 31 were newly admitted during the year under report, making a total of 43 ; of these 34 were released, leaving 9 at the close of the year under report, vide Appendix XIII.

The total cost excluding the Police guard was Rs. 919. There was no mortality ; the prisoners enjoyed good health.

Registration. Appendix XIV gives the nature and value of documents registered. Appendix XV shows the receipts and charges of the same. 8 documents of the total value of Rs. 2,007 were registered during the year under report; registry of 6 was refused, and 3 documents remained unregistered pending enquiry.

Municipality. Vala is not a big town to go under the catagory of a regular municipal town. Its population is only 3,989.

The municipal affairs are managed directly by the State officials, quite efficiently without assistance of any committee. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering, conservancy, sanitation, repairs and improvements to roads, rearing road side trees round the city drives are well looked after, and it would not be an exaggeration to say that visitors always admire for the neatness of this place, which is particularly due to a great measure to the personal interest taken by the Thakor Saheb himself.

The legitimate municipal receipts are generally much shorter than the ordinary expenditure, but it is very gratifying to mention that the large deficit of Rupees two to three thousand every year is very liberally met by the Darbar from the general revenues.

The receipts during the year under report amounted to Rs. 6,484, whereas the expenditure was Rs. 9,247 vide Appendix XVI.

This shows a deficit of Rs. 2,763 which will be eventually written off against the State.

The main items of receipts are octroi, house-tax and excise revenues.

CHAPTER IV.

Production and Distribution.

(*a*) Weather and crop.

The year on the whole had a very distributed rain. The total fall was 22·17 inches, against 24·7 last year. The average of the last 5 years comes to 19·27, vide Appendix XVII.

Out-turn.

Crops had been very healthy in the beginning, and gave very hopeful aspect, but some unfavourable winds at the end, brought in much disappointment. All the crops except pulse, suffered more or less ; cotton and Jowari the leading and main crops suffered the most. Their out-turn was reduced to one half, but in the other way, the unprecedented high rates of cotton compensated the loss considerably, and the revenue on the whole, had not to suffer.

The table below will show that cotton was grown in much larger area than the last year, and if the nature had been not against, cultivators and the State would have realized to such a great extent, that they would have been almost relieved of the strains of previous bad years. Generally speaking the year was on the whole a good one.

Areas under cultivation.

The following table gives comparative areas of different crops, which at a glance shows that there is a large increase all round.

Crops.	Areas under cultivation last year 1909-10.	Areas under cultivation this year 1910-11.
	Acres.	Acres.
1. Cotton.....	19,955	25,003
2. Jowari.....	14,157	15,689
3. Wheat.....	4,087	4,229
4. Bajri.....	2,753	3,075
5. Til.....	1,907	1,347
6. Gram.....	855	250
7. Miscellaneous including Sugarcane.....	150	154
Total...	43,864	49,747

The general increase may to a great measure be accounted to the zeal and liberal help of Thakor Saheb in giving all sorts of facilities to new cultivators, as explained in Chapter II ; also it is due to a very favourable monsoon in the beginning, which induced people to utilize possible available land in sowing.

Cotton stands at the top, representing 25,000 acres, or one half of the whole cultivation. The general sowing was of Mathio cotton which gets ready in November. It is rather of an inferior sort, but its growth is agreeable to the land in this part, and as it gives early return, people have resorted to its cultivation since the bad years, and invariably they earn by it.

Next to cotton is Jowari, while wheat comes as third.

(*b*) Wages and prices of food grain.

Wages of ordinary labourers during the harvest season have commenced to go very high, as, along with the Jowari, Bajri and such like main monsoon crops, Mathio cotton gets ready simultaneously, and the demand for labourers being from all sides at one and the same time, in absence of sufficient number of labourers, people are obliged to pay high wages in competition, for which a certain fixed limit seems to be a necessity, as it works very heavily upon the poor cultivators.

After the harvest season, a large number remains employed in the Ginning Factory, and thus the labouring class is well-off.

Prices of staple food grains were to a certain extent lower than the last year ; in wheat there was a considerable fall (vide Appendix XVIII).

(*c*) Forest.

There are no proper forests in this State. The country is flat, and its area is very small. Babools are reared in waste lands on Nallah sides, and on the road side gutters.

We have large mango groves in our Zilla villages of Kumlej and Undvi ; they give good returns. Last season the out-turn was very small, but this season they have given a good yield.

Road side trees are reared with great care. Round the city drives, nearly 1,000 young nim and Gulmohor trees are being reared and they are regularly watered directly by high Dhorias from the garden well, over which a small pumping engine is also working along with bullock moats. These trees are now under healthy growth, and in course of time, will supply a lively avenue and shade.

(*d*) Trade and Manufacture.

The Chief items of trade are Cotton, wheat and Jowari. They form the bulk of export, which in all amounted to Rs. 6,50,226 against Rs. 4,90,923 last year. The large increase is due in a great measure to the high prices of cotton.

The imports amounted to Rs. 2,44,327 against Rs. 1,97,377. These are generally in piece goods, timber, rice, sugar, spices, cutlery &c. There is a certain increase under this head too during, the year under report, and it can equally be accounted to a good as well as marriage year.

There is no manufactory of any special kind in this place. Ordinary Khadi weaving, which is generally done by the Dheds in almost every village in Kathiawar, is also done here.

Workshop.

The State maintains a workshop of its own, in which certain trained artizens are permanently employed. Along with them, local artizens are also employed according to demand of work. As such, the local workmen have great advantage of learning new things in a small place like this, and many have profitted in this form.

The general work done is for the State requirements of various descriptions, such as building, repairing and painting of carriages; making new furniture and harnesses &c. and repairing them ; carving, gilding &c., is also done. The State has thus not to go elsewhere for any such work. The workshop is well furnished with English lathes, drills &c. It meets the general wants in every way, and its success is due to the interest which Thakore Saheb Vakhatsinhji personally takes in it, he having a special liking and taste for developing industries, as mentioned in the foregoing Chapter I. All the wooden and iron-materials &c., for the Public Works are prepared in work shop.

Ginning Factory.

There is one ginning factory at Vala. It is fairly advancing. This year 12 more ginning machines were added, making a total of 32. A powerful new engine has been replaced, and the proprietor, who is himself a large cotton merchant, is trying to give all sorts of facilities to the public.

On the Darbar's part, there is a very strict supervision and bandobst to prevent adulteration, and theft, and on these securities, a large quantity of cotton is also brought to this factory from various other surrounding territories.

It is pleasing to say that though the season has not been considered a good one, nearly 1,400 Dhokdas, or large Kacha bales, amounting to about 35,000 monds of cotton worth about five lakhs of Rupees, has passed from this factory by this time.

(e) Public works.

Appendix XIX gives details of public works executed. A fairly large sum of Rs. 22,872 was spent during the year under report. The main items are for the construction of houses for cultivators in different villages and for the new Hospital at Vala, and Darbari Utaras &c., in different villages.

A good amount was also spent over road repairs. Unfortunately no kankar or metal is available on the road sides, and they have to be carted from a distance of 4 to 5 miles, which is very expensive.

(f) Post offices.

In Vala itself there is one Government combined Post and Telegraph office. In other villages, there are no regular Post offices, but in some places letter boxes are kept, which are cleared by Postal peons on their delivery rounds.

(g) Mint.

There is no mint in this State. The British coins of all descriptions are under general circulation and use.

(h) General condition of the State and people.

The general condition of people and of the State was good. There was no kind of epidemic and people were happy. Mutual relations were harmonions and there was no disturbance of any kind. However, the subject of our Zilla village Kamlej had rather assumed and offensive turn owing to want of direct civil jurisdiction. Through some ill advice, they refused to pay to the Darbar, the land rent for houses they occupied, and which they used to pay before. The State had been obliged to file regular suits in the Zilla Courts for recoveries of these petty sums, a really troublesome job, but it is pleasing to note that most of them have since consented to pay, and fresh settlement agreements are being made with them.

(i) Zilla subject.

(i) Agricultural stock.

Appendix XX gives details of agricultural stock. It will be found that there is a considerable increase in the number than the last year, which speaks for itself. Cattle were healthy and fodder was abundant.

(*j*) Excise.

The total revenue in excise was Rs. 1073, vide Appendix XXI. Refund of opium pass fee is realized separately by the State. The sale of liquor and Ganja is practically very limited. There are no tody trees in this part.

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and Finance.

As explained in the foregoing chapter, the year being on the whole a good one, and the prices of cotton having remained high, the revenue realizations were good, and it will be observed that the State was able to pay Rs. 21,596 towards Government dues, and a very large sum of Rs. 43,428 towards famine loans ; a handsome sum of Rs. 17,872 was also spent in useful public works, vide Appendix XXII, which represents figures for the Dewali year ending 31st October 1910.

Since then again, with good prospects of new crops, and especially due to unprecedented high prices of cotton, it is very pleasing to mention that before 31st March 1911, or by the end of the year under report, the State was further able to pay a very large sum of Rs. 47,064 towards Government dues of Gaekwar's Peshkashi, and Junagadh Zortabli, clearing all arrears with interest, and making full payments upto date. Over and above this, nearly Rs. 40,000 have been paid towards private famine loans &c. This speaks for itself for the zealous endeavour of the Durbar to re-establish the State finances, and the year may be taken on the whole as a record in this point. It may safely be stated that if no devine calamity may occur hereafter, the State would be free in about two years from all its debts.

No Government or guaranteed loans had been taken by the State.

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

Hospital and Dispensaries.

There is one Hospital at Vala, and it remained in charge of the popular Doctor D. D. Mistri, L.M.& S. during the whole year.

Hospital building.

As mentioned in the foregoing Chapter I, the new Hospital to be called " the Edward Hospital " named in memory of our late revered sovereign Edward VII., is under construction, and when completed will provide all sorts of wants and facilities of the present day. The accomodation is nearly doubled than that of the old building.

Patients treated.

The number of patients treated during the year under report was 5977 against 5268 last year, showing an increase of 709, which may partly be due to the popularity of our Doctor who is kind to patients, and to a certain extent people are gradually getting more faith in English medicines, and above all, it may not be omitted to say that it is also due to the liberality of the Chief in giving free medicines to all his subjects, and even to people of the neighbouring villages not belonging to the State.

According to daily attendance, total number of patients who availed the benefit during the year was 24,612 against 21,693 last year, giving an average of 68.

There were in all 185 minor and major operations, about a dozen of which were of serious nature, and were successfully treated. The number of in-door patients was 8.

The total yearly expenditure of the Hospital was Rs. 3,215, vide Appendix XXIII.

The general health of people on the whole was good and there was no kind of epidemic.

A fine stock of surgical instruments and medicines is kept in the Hospital.

Vaccination.

Vaccination is managed and supervised by the Kathiawar Agency Surgeon, the State having to pay towards expenses of Vaccinators &c. The total number of children vaccinated was 267 boys and 240 girls, making a total of 507, against 485 last year.

Births and deaths.

There were 526 births against 458 last year, there being an increase of 68 ; the ratio being 40·5 per 1,000 of population.

The number of deaths registered was 321 against 210 last year, the ratio per 1,000 of population being 24·7; This is not high, though the number of deaths when compared with last year shows an increase.

It appears that mortality among young children was some what high, and our Medical officer is of opinion, that this is due to bad habits of giving opium to young children, which tells heavily upon this innocent lot in extreme cold, and they suffer the most.

It will however be noticed that there has been an increase under both the heads of births and deaths, which may be the result of strictness enforced in furnishing correct information by persons concerned.

CHAPTER VII.

Education.

In this Taluka there were 8 schools in the last year. One new primary Boys' school was opened during the year under report making a total of 9, as under :—

1.	Middle School teaching upto Standard III.
7.	Primary Boys' Schools.
1.	Do. Girls' School.
9	Total.

During the year under report, the number of pupils was 394 against 374 last year, and the average attendance was 297 against 284. This shows a fair increase, which to a certain extent is also due to the opening of a new School at Pipli.

The examination results were pronounced satisfactory. The Prant officers were also pleased with the healthy built of school children, and they were well impressed for the training given, at the Prize distribution, and at the school inspections ; they have recorded good remarks in Visitors Books.

The school buildings at Vala are spacious ; a fine gymasium with modern requisites is provided for physique, and boys take good interest in it. Cricket is also played as an out-door game.

The total expenditure over all the schools was Rs. 2863, against 2726 last year, vide Appendix XXV.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

There is no printing press in this State either public or Durbari. The general work of State printing is done in Rajkot or elsewhere according to conveniences.

Library and Museum of old relics.

There is a free Library at Vala maintained by the Darbar. English and Guzrati daily and weekly papers and magazines are supplied. No seditious papers or books are admitted.

A small museum is attached to the library of old relics, such as copper plates and seals, small Jain and Budhist idols in brass &c., beads, ordinary ring stones, large bricks and tiles, clay oil cups &c. Some large Lingas, a life size granite Nandi or Bull and such like are preserved in Sidheshwar temple and elsewhere.

Water supply.

There was sufficient supply of water all round. The village tanks in our Bhal portion, on which the people have solely to depend for their drinking water, have served the purpose well.

In Vala itself sweet water is only procurable from river, which has no flowing current after monsoon, but people are obliged to cut deep holes in heavy sandy bed to get their supply. Experiments were tried by making puddle trenches in the deep sandy bed in the width of the river, and filling gormati in them. They have proved a success in bringing water level considerably higher than before, and people find it easy to get abundant and good water. There is also a tank at Vala, which amply meets the want of people living on that side.

The little water-work is being developed as stated before. It fairly met the wants of the Durbargad, and gave full supply to the Ginning Factory by pipe service, and proved very useful when any blazes occurred in the factory. It also helped the garden irrigation and rearing of road side trees.

Fire appliances.

There is one fire engine, which is kept in working order with a fairly good stock of fire hoses. There was no fire worth taking notice of,—a few blazes here and there were immediately extinguished.

Census. Census was completed according to Government instructions on the night of the 10th March 1910, without any hitch or difficulty.

The figures show a small decrease of 274 than the previous census of 1901. The main reason for this appears that with the advance of education and easy communications, the Brahmins who form the bulk of population of Vala, have commenced to understand their position, and instead of living upon alms and beggary, many of them have been going out to other countries for employment and for business ; secondly, the reduction may be attributed to the ravages of plagues.

The general classification is under progress.

Conclusion. The year on the whole proved favourable and passed peacefully. All the departments have worked well.

VALA,
1st May 1911.

RATANSHAH P. DAMRI,
Karbhari, Vala State,

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Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1910-11.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Mr. Ratanshah P. Damri.	Karbhari.	1st April 1910.	31st March 1911.	His services have been lent to this State by Government.

VALA,
1st May 1911.

R. P. DAMRI.
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State. 1910-11.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
			No special laws of the State but the British laws in their general spirit are adapted.

VALA,
1st May 1911.

R. P. DAMRI.
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix III.

Statement showing the Strength, Cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of the last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	No. of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	No. of Guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry.														
Sappers.														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops ..														

VALA,
1st May 1911.

R. P. DAMRI,
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1910-11.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	35	35	...	...	...	...		1	...	
Havaldar. ...	2	15	30	...	...	...	...		2	..	
——do—— ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Full Naik. ...	3	12	36	...	...	...	...		1	...	
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Bugler. ...	1	12	12	...	...	...	...		...	...	
First class Constable. ...	13	9	117	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Second class „ ...	13	8	104	...	...	...	7		2	...	
Third class „ ...	7	7	49	...	...	...	...		1	...	
Fourth class „ ...	4	6	24	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Fifth class „ ...	2	5	10	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Total...	50		457	...	...	...	7		7	...	

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Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 3 and 5)		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala	130	136	116	128	116	128	73	65	35	*74	62·9	50·7	62·9	50·7	7 awaiting trial at the end of year. 5 in jail. 2 on bail. — 7 *2 died while on bail.

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Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	1252-13-3	287-2-0	832-15-9	49-14-0	66·5	17·4	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprssonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months.	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Forgery.	1	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Theft.	6	65	71	17	25	66	39	...	6	1	11	21	...	39	22	...	...	6	1	6	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Enticing a married woman.	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Marrying again during the life time of husband. ...	2	...	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Simple hurt.	4	7	11	11	9	11	5	1	...	...	1	3	...	5	5	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
House breaking.	...	2	2	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Suicide.	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Adultery.	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rape.	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Possessing False weight....	3	...	3	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Crimis against coinage. ...	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Miscellaneous.	...	57	57	21	22	54	18	...	...	...	7	11	...	18	34	...	...	3	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Total...	18	136	154	57	70	146	65	1	6	1	21	35	1	65	72	...	2	9	3	8	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	

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Appendix VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.						Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of the year.	Brought to trial in 1910-11.					Total.								
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Nyayadhish Court. ...	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	*2 on bail.
2	Deputy Court.	130	135	15	82	8	36	...	1	123	142	57	13	63	...	2	7*	5 in Jail.
																		7
	Total...	130	136	18	83	8	36	...	1	126	146	57	15	65	...	2	7	

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Appendix IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																		Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Nyayadhish Court. ...	7	...	...	5	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur Court.	4	...	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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Appendix X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.								Suits disposed of during the present year						Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	No. of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 and under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
1	Vala.	7	9	45	76	52	85	43	69	9	16	7486	...	72	4	59	15	1	1	...	11	17	2	39	6637	m. d. 1 0	

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Appendix XI.

Civil work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance of present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of year.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months	Above 12 months	
Nyayadhish Court. ...	6	4	9485	5	3	1350	11	7	10835	7	4	8904	4	3	1931	2	...	1	
Deputy Court... ...	376	336	29648	311	311	36894	687	647	66542	351	425	40939	336	222	25603	159	30	33	
Total...	382	340	39133	316	314	38244	698	654	77377	358	429	49843	340	225	27534	161	30	34	

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Appendix XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1910-1911.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during Rs.		How disposed of.										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Case remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	
																							y. m. d	*y. m. d*	
Nyayadhish Court. ...	2	2	1	2	3	4	1	4	2	...	25	160	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	1-3-0	0-0-7	
Hazur Court.... ...	.	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0-1-15	

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Appendix XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Stations.	Number of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average priod of Accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
										Days.	
Vala.	1	12	31	54	43	10·61	12·71	9	*919	29·3	No mortality has occurred during the year. *Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV.

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1910-11.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Vala.	25	17	10	16	7	...	1	...	...	...	7	1	18	8	Rs 18,876	Rs 2,007	4	6	3	3	

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Appendix XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1910-1911 in the Vala State.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property. Rs.	A.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	A.	P.	Number of deeds	Value of property. Rs.	A.	P.	Fees realized. Rs.	A.	P.	
Mortgage with possession. ...	10	2931	0	0	26	8	0	2	235	0	0	5	0	0	
Simple mortgage.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale	8	15,945	0	0	21	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Usufructuary mortgage. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1642	0	0	13	4	0	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	130	0	0	2	8	0	
Total ...	18	18,876	0	0	48	1	4	8	2007	0	0	20	12	0	
Expenditure. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total. ...	18	18,876	0	0	48	1	4	8	2007	0	0	20	12	0	

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Appendix XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present.		Past.	Present.		
Vala.	...	5107	6484	6484	7561	9247	...	Deficit is made up by the State.

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Appendix XVII.

Statement of Rain Fall in the Vala State.

State	April 1910.	May 1910.	June 1910.	July 1910.	August 1910.	September 1910.	October 1910.	November 1910.	December 1910.	January 1911.	February 1911.	March 1911.	Total.	Total of past year	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
Vala.	...	...	1·99	8·24	6·26	1·98	1·98	...	...	...	...	1·72	22·17	24·7	19·27	

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Appendix XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Articles.	During March (past year).			During March (present year)			Remarks.
	mds.	Sers.	Tolas.	Mds.	Sers.	Tolas	
Wheat...	...	9	30	...	11	10	80 Tolas make one ser.
Bajri.	...	12	10	...	11	20	
Jowar.	...	16	10	...	16	...	
Gram.	...	10	10	...	14	...	

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Appendix XIX.

Expenditure on public Works, during the year 1910-11.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Total.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
City Road repairs.	...	371	371	...	...	...	371	
District Road repairs....	...	1456	1456	...	...	...	1456	
Constructions and repairs to Durbari Buildings.	8500	2885	11385	...	...	...	11385	
Public Gardens.	...	2316	2316	...	...	...	2316	
Miscellaneous repairs, Water works, Construction of Wells, Tanks, River Bunds &c., and village houses.	5000	2344	7344	...	...	...	7344	
Total.....	13500	9372	22872	...	...	...	22872	

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Appendix XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State, during the year 1910-11.

District.	Year.	Horses ond Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks,	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
				Male.	Female.										
Vala.	1910–11	3443	1716	534	2103	27	131	167	198	7697	1219	335	18	710	

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Appendix XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	
Vala.	3	131	5	917	1	25	...	...	9	1073	Refund on pass fees of opium is realized by the State separately.

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Appendix XXII.

Statement showing Receipts and Charges of the Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1910.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Opening balance.	619	A. Tribute.	21,596
A. Land Revenue.	1,55,780	B. Refunds.	...
B. Forests.	...	C. Administration.	37,448
C. Excise....	1,547	D. Education.	2,863
D. Stamp...	447	E. Dispensary	3,215
E. Law and Justice... ...	3,815	F. Domestic charges, ordinary, including servants	32,729
F. Miscellaneous including outstanding recoveries.	50,973	Domestic, extraordinary	8,216
Total A to F...	2,12,562	Stables...	8,034
		Education of Kumars...	2,091
		G. Religious Dharmada....	6,195
		H. Public Work.	17,872
		I. Stamp Department. ...	...
		J. Pensions.	652
		K. Miscellaneous Conservancy &c....	16,067
		L. Repayment of debt. ...	43,428
		Total A to L...	2,00,406
		Closing balance...	12,775
Grand Total.....	2,13,181	Grand Total...	2,13,181

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Appendix XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1910-11.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Vala.	5977	8	8	...	...	...	3215	68	Aggregate number treated according to daily attendance was 24,612.

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Appendix XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1910-11.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths.		
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Vala.	13011	458	526	68	..	210	321	111	...	34·4	40·5	15·7	24·7	These figures do not include statistics of 6 villages under Zilla bakumat.

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Appendix XXV.

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1910-11.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary	Primary.	
							Rs.	Rs.		
1	1	Middle School.	14	19	19	13·3	...	415	...	
6	7	Primary Boys' Schools. ...	262	285	203	219	...	...	2448	One new school opened during the year.
1	1	Primary Girls' Schools. ...	98	90	62	65	...	...		
8	9	Total. ...	374	394	284	297·3	...	415	2448	

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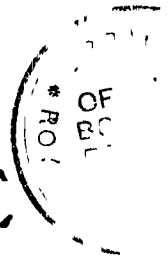

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CHAPTER I.

GENERAL.

Situation.

1. The Vala State is situated in the Gohilwad Prant in Kathiawad. It is about 22 miles to the North-West of Bhavnagar and about 25 miles North of the Shetrunja Hill of Palitana.

Boundary.

2. The State is bounded generally on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, and to a certain extent here and there with Chamardi Thana and the Baroda villages.

Villages.

3. The State now consists of 46 villages, six of which are under the Zilla Hakumat.

Area.

4. The area of the State is 109·3 square miles.

Revenue.

5. The gross ordinary Revenue of the State is Rs. 1,50,000 and the average of the past five years Rs. 1,66,008.

Capital Town.

6. Vala is situated on the river Utavli. This capital town occupies the site of the famous and historical Valbhipur Patan, the seat of Valabhi Dynasty whose ruins lie burried below the thick layers of black soil and silt under the modern town and its neighbourhood. The only remains of the old buildings, are the large foundation-bricks, of which generally the present town houses and the wall round the town are built.

7. Amonst the remains that are found are scattered Lingas some of very large size, and a life size granite Nandi or bull in broken

condition which are preserved near the modern Sidheshwar Mahadev Temple.

8. Diggers of old bricks have found now and then copper pots and copper plates of the 7th Century when history tells this town was buried. Also some small Budhist relics, beads, ring stones of akik Cambay stone, clay seals, and earthern vessels are found which are preserved in the form of a small museum attached to the Library. No other outer sign exists to represent this old important city. Formerly it must have been a very big harbour in the present Bhavnagar creek.

9. This State had a harbour at the village of Gheldi in the said creek, which has since been choked up with heavy silt but a very heavy succession of monsoons may reopen the said creek for a harbour.

10. The nearest railway station for Vala is Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar State Railway which is connected by a good metalled road about 11 miles in length, which has fine bridges and culverts, all along, except at one place at Umrala (Bhavnagar State limit) just at half the way. Here the large river Kalubhar passes, which while under heavy floods in monsoon, generally stops the traffic for a day or two and ordinarily it having a sandy bed it is difficult to pass. The Bhavnagar State is thinking of building a cause way over it, which if carried out will be a great boon to the public.

Population.

11. The population of the State is 13,011 souls according to the last census.

Country.

12. The country is generally flat. The soil is partly black and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

13. The rivers Ghelo, Utavali, Keri, Kalubhar are the principal rivers in the State.

Grass bids.

14. There are five principal grass-bids, two at Vala, one at Motidharai and one at Nasitpur and one at Chada. There is no forest.

Harmony of religion.

15. Although the greater part of the population of the State consists of Hindus, they live in harmony with the Mahomedans who are also of a greater number. Perfect religious toleration is observed here ; there has never been a case of illfeeling or disturbance between them in the State during the Mohorum or other Hindu Holidays.

16. The annual fair of Bhadarvi Amas was held on the Shravan vad Amas, the police kept good bandobast, there was no quarrel nor any disturbance.

Fair.

17. Negotiations are in progress for building a narrow gauge Railway from Dhola to Vala, with the Bhavnagar State, and it is hoped that within near future, it will be arranged to take up the scheme in hand. There is no tramway in the State.

Railway.

18. The sanitary condition of the people and animals remained good. There was no epidemic disease affecting the people or animals during the year except small pox of a mild form amongst the people, energetic steps wore taken by the medical department to check it.

Sanitation.

Water supply.

19. See paras 52 and 53 of this report.

Political.

20. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 6,854 as Gaekwar Peshkashi, Rs. 2348 as Junagadh Jortalbi, and Rs. 3307 as Jama bandi of Zilla villages.

Tribute.

21. The State is a 3rd Class State under the Kathiawad Political Agency. The Thakor Saheb is entitled to the official visits and the return visits to and from His Excellency the Governor of the Bombay Presidency.

Political Status.

22. The restriction on the original full Jurisdictional powers is not yet romoved, therefore the State enjoys at present the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd Class State. Out of 46 villages, in 40 villages the jurisdiction in Criminal, Civil and Political matters is in the hands of the Thakor Saheb who has powers to pass sentences upto 7 years in Criminal matters and to decide Civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000. In the 6 Zilla villages the Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction is with Zilla Courts while the Revenue jurisdiction is with the Thakor Saheb.

Jurisdiction.

23. The present ruler is Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji, a Gohil Rajput, aged 49. He succeeded to the Gadi in A.D. 1884. The Vala dynasty is an offshoot of the Bhavnagar House. The original founder of the present Vala Gadi was Gohil Visaji, a son of Bhavsinhji who established Bhavnagar in A.D. 1742. The history (Gujrat Gazetteer) tells that these Bhavnagar Gohils admittedly belong to Valbhi stock. It further says that these Gohils have not

Thakor Saheb and his family.

only taken their name from the original race of Ghelots and Gohils, but that also from the name of King Guha or Guhasena, the fourth Ruler and apparently the first great sovereign among the Valabhis (A.D. 559-567) after the Valbhis many other important dynasties have ruled in this part.

24. The present Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji has received a good education. He has special genius and liking for public works, sanitation and development of industries and in consideration of the small State and its resources, the money is well spent in these useful lines.

Progeny.

25. The Thakor Saheb has two sons and a daughter, the latter was married to Wankaner Raj Saheb 7 years ago, and it is pleasing to say that she is now the mother of Wankaner Heir-apparent.

26. Of the two sons, Heir apparent Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji is now 23 years of age. He has taken good education in England for 5 years at the Harrow school. During the last year he attended different branches of administration of the State and has obtained much experience of the work. He is now attending the Imperial Cadet Corps at Dehra Dun. His moral character and general behaviour are highly exemplary. The second son Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji aged 17 is studying in the Wadhawan Garassia School, his character and progress in education are very satisfactory.

27. The Thakor Saheb had two Ranis one of Kotda Sangani and the other of Mengni both of Jadeja clans. They both died 17 years ago. The Thakor Saheb has since not remarried. This reflects very much credit upon the Thakor Saheb.

The Royal Visit.

28. This year is very remarkable in the history of the whole Indian Empire, by the beneficent visit of Their Royal Majesties the most illustrious King-Emperor and the most gracious Queen-Empress of the British Empire. All the Native Princes and Chiefs and the teeming millions of the whole Indian Empire with one heart expressed their most sincere and loyal devotion to their most gracious Imperial Majesties.

29. Their Imperial Majesties by their innate noble sympathy, Their remarkable insight into the needs and aspirations of the Country, and their deep solicitude for the welfare of all the classes, and their friendly feelings to the Native Princes and Chiefs of India have

admirably strengthened the bonds that unite every Native State and the people to the British Empire and have drawn closer the ties that bind England and India.

The Imperial Durbar.

30. The Grand Imperial Darbar was held at Delhi on the 12th December 1911 for the celebration of the most unique, most solemn and most auspicious Coronation of Their Imperial Majesties.

31. In honour of the Imperial Coronation, the Thakor Saheb held on the 12th December 1912, a grand Darbar in the Kacheri Hall of the Palace at Vala, all the officers and the people assembled in great number. The Royal Proclamations were read in English and in Gujrati, and the Emperial salute of 101 guns was fired. The portrait of Their Emperial Majesties was uncovered by the Thakor Saheb when all persons rose up and bowed most loyally and expressed most devotedly the blessings of long live Their Imperial Majesties and several lectures full of loyalty to the British Crown, and expressive of substantial benefits of the British Rule were delivered. An order releasing the prisoners was read out and the most loyal sincere and congratulatory messages were wired to the Political Agent and to the Agent to the Governor in Kathiawad. And the Darbar was brought to a close after expressing much rejoicing and sincere and earnest prayers for the long and happy life to Their Imperial Majesties, for uniform peace, and overflowing prosperity to Their Imperial Longest Rule over the whole world, and after distributing pan, gulab and attar.

32. The Revenue officers and the Police Patels had assembled the people of every village on its Chora and read out the Proclamation and uncovered the portrait of Their Imperial Majesties and all the people expressed long and earnest blessings of long and happy life to Their Imperial Majesties and peace and prosperity to Their Rule.

33. The prisoners and poor were feasted with sweetmeats. A grand gathering was held in the Schools. The portrait of Their Imperial Majesties was exhibited and songs of blessings to Their Imperial Majesties were sung by the boys and girls and they were presented with the Coronation medals, and sweets were distributed. Same thing was observed in every school of the village of the State. In the evening most devoted prayers were made in each Mandir and Temple for the peace, prosperity and longivity of the benign British Rule. There was illumination on a very large scale at night and

fire works were exhibited. The Thakor Saheb, all the officers and all the people solemnized the day with great rejoicings. All the offices were closed from the 7th to the 12th December 1912, and all the schools were closed from the 2nd to 5th and 7th to 12th December 1912 as rejoiced holidays in honour of this most auspicious occasion.

History of the State.

34. This State has never been disintegrated from its original entire form. This State originally enjoyed the full jurisdiction without any restriction, when the first classification was made this State was placed in the second Class (vide appendix G) along with Dhrangadhra, Limbdi and Wadhwan (Appendix A), and Rajkot and Dhrol (Appendix D), and Palitana (Appendix G) attached to the report of Captain George Le Grand Jacob acting Political Agent in Kathiawad submitted to the Government on the 4th October 1842 (Government Selection No. 39).

35. The subsequent classification of the States were made in A.D. 1865 to 1868, by Col. Keatinge. The condition and circumstances of the States and Talukas have since undergone a great change. The Rajkumar College has enlightened the princes and Chiefs of all the States. The education has since progressed considerably, nearly half a century elapseed over the last classification the time has brought forth education, civilization and facilities. Therefore it is justice and fairness to revise the said old classification of Col. Keatinge on the modern bases of the efficient adminstration and of the original full jurisdiction of the States. And it is hoped the benign Bombay Government will for the sake of justice issue instructions as soon as possible for the said revision and reclassification.

Visits.

36. Tudor Owen Esquire who was in charge of the Gohilwad Prant visited Vala on the 29th August 1911 and Captain now Major H. S. Strong who was then Political Agent Gohilwad Prant visited this State on the 12th and 30th October 1911 and on the 5th November 1911 and had his Camp at Vala from the 26th December 1911 to the 3rd January 1912. Major H. S. Strong visited different institutions and expressed satisfaction and recorded good opinions in the visitor-books. Mrs. Strong and Major Strong kindly attended the prize distribution in the Middle, Primary Boys' and Girls' Schools.

37. Captain A.S. Meek the Political Agent Gohilwad Prant, visited this place with his Camp from the 30th January 1912 to the 5th February 1912. He visited the different institutions and expressed satisfaction and recorded good opinion in the visitor-books. He

kindly attended the Prize distributions in the Girls' Schools and visited the Middle and the Primary Boys' Schools. He was much pleased with the girls and he sent sweets to be distributed to the girls. The girls look upon him as a patron and expect to see him very soon.

38. Mr. T. J. B. Thatcher, the Police Superintendent Kathiawad Agency, camped at Vala with his small staff from the 6th February 1912 to the 10th February 1912 and visited various institutions and expressed satisfaction and endorsed good opinions in the visitor-books.

Hospital.

39. In recognition of the cherished memory of the much beloved late noble Emperor the Thakor Saheb decided to memorialize by attaching his popular name to the new Hospital at Vala to the called " The Edward Hospital " and the building has been so designed as to be well worthy of the name. The work had advanced considerably. The building is intended to meet all sorts of facilities and requirements of the recent time. The present bad year has marred the progress of the building. It goes without saying that there could be no better befitting memorial than this Hospital in a small town like Vala, where the sick will get fine comforts and happiness and their blessings will in no way be less.

Political relation.

40. The political relation with the neighbouring States is very cordial. The general co-operation and peace were maintained during the year under report.

Loyalty.

41. Throughout the State there is generally a sincere expression of loyalty and devotion to the British Rule and to the Darbar Saheb. There is not a single case of disaffection or sedition.

Marriages of two Kumars.

42. This year is remarkable to record two marriages on the 9th March 1912, of the two Kumars. Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji, the Heir apparent, married to the daughter of the Thakor Saheb of Roha Sumari in Cutch, and Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji married to the daughter of the Talukdar of Kherali under Jhalawad Prant. The marriages were performed with great rejoicings.

Accidents.

43. On the night of the 8th March 1912 in the fire work during the marriage procession an accident of bursting an iron rocket-tube occurred. 11 persons received injury. One tailor of Umrala died on the spot, the others were removed to the Hospital. The Thakorsaheb out of his

usual sympathy and liberality arranged every comfort and medical aid for the unfurtunate persons. Mr. Phirojshah Bhikaji Motivala L.M. & S. in the Bhavnagar Hospital was called to give surgical aid. Out of these one Hasam of Bhavnagar left the Hospital injuries being slight on the 12th March and four Vaghris were discharged cured on the 15th March, and five persons were under the treatment at the end of the year. They all are progressing satisfactorily. This excellent result of recovery of these persons reflects very good credit upon Mr. D. D. Mistri L. M. & S. who spares nothing to help the sufferers to recover. The Thakor Saheb takes very keen interest in their recovery and he often personally visits them and consoles them.

44. Another sad accident of fire in the palace occurred on the 22nd March 1912 the upper portion of the four rooms of the old site in the interior of the palace with articles in one room was entirely burnt. Most energetic steps were taken to put out the fire, the damage it caused was about 45 to 50 thousands of rupees.

45. Mr. Ratanshah Pestonji Damri who was the Karbhari of of this State submitted his application for reversion to his original Agency-service on the 5th August 1911 and gave a petition for leave of 6 months on the 5th August 1911. The Thakor Saheb asked him to with-draw both but he refused to do so, the Thakor Saheb thereupon on the 18th September 1911 made the appointment of the present man to the said post.

Alienation and Boundary Disputes.

46. There are no fresh alienation and boundary disputes. Some old boundary disputes with Baroda remain unsettled since very long time. The Thakor Saheb is much anxious to bring an early disposal of it and it is hoped it will be soon done.

47. The detailed revenue survey of the State villages was under progress during the year under report.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Revenue year.

48. The revenue year commenced on the 1st of Kartak Sud Samvat 1967 that is the 3rd November 1910 and indeed on Aso vad Amas of Samvat 1967 that is the 22nd October 1911. The agricultural facts which this report represents are therefore those which are connected with the rain fall of Samvat 1966 (*i.e.* A.D. 1910) rather than those of the Monsoon of 1967 (*i.e.* A.D. 1911).

Rainfall.

49. The rainfall during the year Samvat 1966 (A.D. 1910) on which the revenue condition of the State for the present report was based, was inches 22-17 as appears in the last years report Appendix XVII. It was not well distributed over all the monsoon months.

50. The rainfall during the year under report is only inches 5-66 and the average of the last five years is inches 20.51.

Nature of Land.

51. The country is generally flat. The soil is partly black and partly alluvial and the lands of the State can safely be devided into two main divisions namely Eastern and Western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat and other crops are grown without irrigation. The sweet water is not available in the wells. If any watering is done, which is necessitated in bad times, the land gets spoiled and it has to be kept fallow for 3 or 4 years to be sweetened. Thus in this Eastern division the crops entirely depend upon good monsoon and the soil is very agreeable to wheat and cotton. In the Western division the soil is generally black and sweet water is all along found in wells. Thus both the monsoon and the irrigated crops are raised in this division.

Water supply.

52. There is always general scarcity of fresh drinking water in the seven villages of the Eastern division of Bhal alluvial land. Every village has its own tank which in a good monsoon supplies the water during the year round. But in this year the rainfall was only inches 5.66 therefore none of the tanks had left any water in it, and the scarcity of drinking water was felt as early as September 1911. The revenue officers made a report, and the Thakor Saheb with his usual promptness and liberality came to the assistance of the people and he got made a very big Dhoria about more than 6 miles in length from a good well in the village Kalianpur to the village of Palanpur in Bhal, where a reservior was dug, and the contract to supply the water daily to the said pit was given. The work of drawing and sending water commenced day and night with unprecedented energy. The water reached the pit first on the 15th day after the hard and incessant labour. The work of sending water was commenced on the 14th October 1911 and the water first reached the reservoir on the 29th October 1911 amid the great joy and blessings of the people of 7 villages of this State and the people of the other State who took advantage of this water. From that time the water is ordinarily supplied to the pit upto now. It now takes 12 hours to reach the reservoir. This work and its continuance stand a monument of energy and sympathy of

the Thakor Saheb for his people. In the Western division of the State the fresh drinking water is all along found in the wells, from which the people made vast irrigation and are now making Chhashtia.

53. In the town of Vala a small pumping oil engine is erected over the garden-well for supplying water to the garden and for rearing young nim trees by the canal round the City drives. It also supplies drinking water for the Durbargadh &c., through pipes. This pipe scheme is being developed gradually. The Thakorsaheb has got now prepared one big jalam (square Kacha well) in the bed of the Tank and two big jalams in the bed of the rivers for the supply of fresh drinking water to the people of the town of Vala. The water therein is sufficient to last to the next monsoon.

Agricultural condition.

54. The condition of the agricultural stock and of the people is not good on account of very short rain this year. The grain could be had the people did not find difficulty in obtaining grain. But the fodder is very hard to obtain ordinarily. The Thakor Saheb gave tagavi to the needy cultivators for fooder and grain. The State had to purchase grass for the State animals from Songadh Vihara near Surat and notwithstanding all the attempts to obtain grass, the supply comes very scantily, on account of the great difficulty felt for the wagon supply by the Railway.

Tagavi.

55. The tagavi given to the needy cultivators amounts Rs. 4159 upto the 31st March 1912 and it is being continued. And the tagavi loan given to Bhayats and Garacias amount to Rs. 882.

Crops.

56. The general crops are cotton, jowari, wheat, bajari, gram, til and pulse. The details are stated under the Chapter IV.

Land revenue.

57. The land revenue during the revenue year amounted to Rs. 204083 out of which Rs. 2076 remain in arrears, the admininistration of the department is best carried out by the experienced Chief Revenue Officer Mr. Jivanbhain Trikambhai.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Laws.

58. The State has adopted the British Civil and Criminal laws in their general spirit in all the Courts, and in minor matters such as registration and like the State has enacted its own rules.

Military.

59. There is no regular military force maintained by the State. But the armed police is trained considerably with regular drills &c. under military pentioned men.

Police.

60. The police force comprises 20 mounted and 132 foot of which 50 are regular and the rest irregular including the village police. The regulars have muzzle loading guns ond the irregulars have swords and battons. The ratio of police to the population is 1·1 per 100 and to area 1·39 per square mile.

61. There are two Fouzdars who look after the Eastern and Western divisions.

62. The village police is paid in cash in about $\frac{2}{3}$rd cases and the rest have land on service tenure. In the monsoon some extra men are also employed as mosamis.

Working of Police.

63. The number of offences reported during the year was 69 against 136 last year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 64 against 128 last year. In all 71 accused were to be dealt with, including 7 awaiting trial at the close of the last year. Out of 64 accused sent for trial and 7 awaiting trial at the close of last year 37 were convicted 33 were discharged or acquitted and one remained awaiting trial at the close of this year. The percentage of conviction is 52·2 against 50·7 last year (Appendix V).

Stolen property.

64. The value of stolen property is Rs. 795-8-0 against Rs. 287-2-0 last year. The property recovered was worth Rs. 529-0-10. The percentage of recovery was 66·6 against 17·4 last year.

65. The working of the Police in their preventive and detective measures is most satisfactory this year and it reflects credit upon the whole department.

Crimes.

66. Appendix VII gives details of the number and the nature of crimes and punishment inflicted. The number is more in thefts. But on account of the famine this year the number of petty thefts has not yet exceeded the normal limit.

Criminal and Civil Justice.

67. There are two Courts for criminal as well as for Civil, justice. Nyayadhish and Deputy Nyayadhish Courts. Over whom the Huzur Court hears appeals.

68. The offices of the Nyayadhish Court and of the Deputy Nyayadhish Court are filled up by competent Judges Messrs Ambalal G. Patel B.A., LL.B., and Ratilal K. Trivedi B.A., LL.B. The working of these Courts was satisfactory as could be seen from the different appendices to be treated hereafter.

69. The number of offences reported and persons dealt with by the two Courts is given under Appendix VIII. This shows that the total number of offences reported was 69 and that of persons dealt with was 71. Out of them 37 were convicted 18 were acquitted and 15 were discharged without trial and one remained to be tried at the close of the year in jail.

Criminal Appeals.

70. There were only two appeals to the Nyayadhish Court in which sentences were modified.

Civil Suits.

71. The Appendix X shows that 29 Civil Suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 524 were filed during the year and out of these and 16 of the last year, 40 suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 4252 were disposed of. The average duration is eight days. This reflects credit upon the officers for the speedy despatch of the cases.

Execution of Decrees.

72. Appendix XI shows that 289 applications for the execution of the decrees of the aggregate value of Rs. 37158 were on the file during the year, out of which 258 of the aggregate value of Rs. 33777 were disposed of, and 31 were left for disposal for the next year. This is also very much satisfactory.

Civil appeals.

73. The Nyayadhish Court had four Civil appeals and they all were disposed of during the year. (Appendix XII) This shows very satisfactory.

Extradition.

74. The demand was usual for extradition and it calls for no special remarks.

Prison.

75. There is one Jail at Vala, and a small lock up at Loliana the latter is seldom used only as a temporary measure.

76. Vala jail has 8 cells, which include separate accomodation for Civil and under trial prisoners. It has a separate Kitchen and a small work shed within the jail walls. The duty of mounting guard is done by the regular Police and not by special warders.

77. There were 17 prisoners at the close of the last year and 22 were admitted during the year under report making the total of 29 ; of these 28 were released leaving one at the close of the year.

78. Total cost excluding the police guard was Rs. 346-10-4. There was no death in Jail. The prisoners enjoyed good health.

Registration.

79. The Appendix XIV shows that 8 documents of the aggregate value of Rs. 11800 were registered during the year under report. And Appendix XV shows the receipt and charges for the same.

Municipality.

80. Vala is not a big town to go under the catagory of a regular municipal town. Its population is only 3989 souls.

81. The municipal affairs are managed directly by the State officials, quite efficiently without the assistance of any Committee. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering, conservancy, sanitation, repairs and improvements to roads, rearing road-side trees round the City drives are well looked after, and it would not be an exaggeration to say that visitors always admire at the neatness of this place which is particularly due to a great measure of the personal interest taken by the Thakor Saheb himself.

82. The legitimate municipal receipts are generally much shorter than the ordinary expenditure, but it is very gratifying to mention that the large deficit of rupees about two to three thousand every year is very liberally met by the Thakor Saheb from the general revenues.

83. The receipts during the year under report amounted to Rs. 5736, whereas the expenditure was Rs. 8247. Vide Appendix XVI, the deficit will be eventually written off against the State. The main items of receipts are octroi, house-tax, and excise revenues.

CHAPTER IV.

Production and Distribution.

Whether and Crop.

84. The revenue year which commenced on the 1st Kartak sud Samvat 1967 (3rd November 1910) and ended on Aso Vad Amas Samvat 1967 (the 22nd October 1911) and which was based on the rainfall of inches 22.17 of the last year was normal. The rain fall during the year under report was only inches 5.66 which will find its base for the agricultural facts for the next annual report. The average rainfall or the past five years is inches 20.51 (Appendix XVII).

Out-turn.

85. The crops had been healthy. The out-turn was good and revenue realised was Rs. 202007 plus Rs. 2076 left in arrears.

Areas under Cultivation.

86. The following table gives the comparative areas of different crops.

Serial No.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation last year.	Areas under cultivation this famine year.
		Acres.	Acres.
1	Cotton.	25003	160
2	Juwari.	15689	1160
3	Wheat.	4229	800
4	Bajari.	3075	14
5	Til.	1347	0
6	Gram.	250	0
7	Miscellaneous including sugarcane.	154	130 39
	Total...	49747	2303

This shows that this famine year did not allow cultivation of even-sufficient areas, and these crops had to be irrigated from water of the well and the outturn was also alarmingly short.

Wages and prices.

87. During the Revenue year Samvat 1967 the wages of ordinary labourers during the harvest-season commenced to go very high, as along with the monsoon-crops of Jowari, Bajri and others the Muthia cotton crops got ready for being picked up. The demand for the labourers being from all sides at one and the same time, grew very high and the cultivators had to give high wages in competition. After the harvest season a large number remains employed in the Ginning factory. Thus the labouring class was well of during the revenue year under report.

Prices.

88. The prices of grains was higher than the last year (vide Appendix XVIII).

Forest.

89. The country is flat and there is no forest. Babuls are reared in waste lands, nallah sides and on the road-side gutters.

Trees.

90. We have large mango groves in our Zillah villages of Kamlej and Undvi. They give good returns. We have given a good yield this revenue year.

91. The road side trees are reared with great care. Round the City drives nearly 854 young nim and gulmohor trees are being reared and they are regularly watered directly by high Dhorias from the garden-well, over which a small pumping engine is also working with bullock moats. These trees are now under good growth and in course of time will supply a lively avenue and shade.

Trade and manufacture.

92. The chief items of trade are cotton, wheat and jowari. They form the bulk of export, which in all amounted Rs. 616971 against Rs. 650226 last year.

93. The imports amounted to Rs. 254189 against Rs. 244727 last year. These are generally in piece goods, timber, rice, sugar, spices, cutlery &c.

94. There is no manufactory of any special kind in this place. Ordinary Khadi weaving which is generally done by the Dheds in almost every village in Kathiawad is also done here.

Workshop.

95. The State has a workshop of its own, in which certain trained artizans are permanently employed. Along with them the local artisans are employed according to the demand of the work.

96. The general work done there is for the State requirements of various descriptions, such as building, repairing, and painting of all kinds of carriages, making new furnitures and harnesses, carving guilting, fitting &c., are also done. All the wooden and iron materials are prepared in it. The workshop is well furnished with English lathes, drills and other impliments. It meets the general wants in every way. Its remarkable success is solely due to the general interest the Thakor Saheb personally takes in it and to his able and masterly guidance and instructions.

Ginning Factory.

97. There is one ginning Factory at Vala. It is fairly advancing. Last year 12 more ginning machines were added making a total of 32. A powerful new engine has been replaced and the proprietor, who is himself a large cotton merchant is trying to give all sorts of facilities to the public.

98. The Thakor Saheb keeps very able supervision and bandobust to prevent adultaration and theft, which have much encouraged

the rush of a large quntity of cotton to the Factory from the various other surrounding territories.

Public work.

99. Appendix XIX gives the details of the public works executed. A fairly large sum of Rs. 33831 was spent during the year under report. The main items are for miscellaneous repairs water works, construction of wells, tank, river bunds and village houses.

100. A good amount was spent over the road repairs. Unfortunately no kankar nor metal is available on the road sides, and they have to be carted from a distance of 4 to 5 miles which is very expensive.

Post Office.

101. In Vala there is a Government combined Post and Telegraph office. In other villages there are no regular post offices but in some the letter-boxes are kept which are cleared by Postal peons on their delivery rounds.

Mint.

102. There is no mint in this State. The British coins of all kinds are under general circulation and use.

Agricultural Stock.

103. Appendix XX gives the details of agricultural stock registered on 31st March 1912.

Excise.

104. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 1079 vide Appendix XXI. Refund of opium pass-fee is realized separately by the State. The Sale of liquor and Ganja is practically very limited.

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and Finance.

Last year.

105. It will be found from the Report of the last year A. D. 1910-11 that up to the end of the year Sam. 1966 that is 31st October 1910 the State was able to pay Rs. 21596 towards the Government dues and a very large sum of Rs. 43428 towards the private famine loans and a handsome sum of Rs. 17872 was also spent in useful public works vide Appendix XXII to that report.

106. Since then with good prospect of new crops and unprecedented high price of the cotton the State was able to pay before the 31st March 1911 Rs. 47064 towards the Government dues of Gaekwar's Peshkashi and Junagadh Jortalbi clearing all arrears with interest and making full payment upto date.

107. This shows that before the monsoon of this year the financial condition was the best.

FAMINE.

Rainfall.

108. Unfortunately the rainfall during the last monsoon was only inches 5-66, and the monsoon passed away without further rain. This involved the State and the people into difficulty. The State and the people were toiling very hard to repair the damage done by the past bad years, and it was as shown above the State was free from the financial difficulty and had paid up fully the Government dues and the private famine loans.

109. As shown under Chapter II under the heading of water supply that the Eastern Division of the State first felt the scarcity of drinking water, as shown there, the Thakorsaheb with his usual promptness and sympathy prepared a Dhoria of about more than 6 miles and supplied water to the villages of the Bhal lands. The work commenced on the 7th and made ready for water on the 14th October 1911.

110. The Tagavi of Kosvarta was commenced to be given from the month of August in the hope that the cultivators may raise crops by irrigation.

111. In the month of September the anxiety of rain grew more and the herdsmen began to migrate from this State to the other District near Surat with their cattle as they generally do in bad year.

112. The Thakor Saheb opened and carried on a large scale repairs of roads and State—buildings to supply the needy men some work.

113. After the 7th October 1911 a test relief work was opened to repair a dam in the bed of the Kalubhar-river, and to construct a water-dhoria in Bhal. Only 12 persons came on the first work and 15 on the latter.

113. Encouragement for digging new wells by the cultivators was given by the State in form of Tagavi &c., in consequence thereof new 115 wells came into existence which with 387 old wells make up the number of 502 wells in all during the year under report.

114. On the 11th November 1911 a relief work to dig deep a tank at village Palanpur was opened. It was finished on the 1st

January 1912. The total work done there, was 79511 cubic feet. The attendance of the labourers was 2932.

115. On the 1st January 1912 a relief work to dig deep a tank at Meghvadar was opened. It was finished on the 29th February 1912. The work of 10,11,116 cubic feet was done the attendance of labourers was 1140.

116. Captain A. S. Meek the Political Agent Gohilwad Prant visited these two works and the Dhoria work of water supply, and he was pleased with them.

117. On the 5th February 1912 a relief work to dig deep a tank at Anandpur was opened. The daily attendance of the labourers there was 50. It has been continuing on the 31st March 1912.

118. The famine Officers Messrs R. K. Trivedi and Meghji Jiva are working most sympathetically and satisfactorily. The success upto now is due to their untiring exertion and remarkable deligence. It is most gratifying to note that all the revenue officers and Mukhis are most heartily cooperating in the said works.

Wages.

119. The labourers get annas 2 to 3 per day.

120. There are found no people wandering for food, and no animals wandering for fodder.

121. The relief works and general work of repairing the roads and State buildings on a large scale provide sufficient work for the needy people. The cultivators are engaged in raising Chhastayas on a large scale and money is being given to them as Tagavi for fodder and food.

122. We thank the Prant Officer and the Agent to the Governor and the Bombay Government for assisting us at such time to enable us to remove our financial difficulty.

123. We hope to reach the next monsoon as comfortably as possible and we most earnestly pray that Almighty may grant us all a very good prosperous year of 1912-13 with a long successsion of all best years.

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

124. There is one Hospital at Vala and it remained in charge of the popular Doctor D. D. Mistri L. M. & S. during the whole year.

125. As mentioned in the foregoing Chapter I, the new Hospital to be called "The Edward Hospital" named in the memory of our late much beloved and revered Sovereign Edward VII, is under construction and when completed it will provide all sorts of wants and facilities of the present day. The accomodation is nearly doubled than that of the old building.

Hospital building.

126. The number of the patients treated during the year under report was 17 in-door and 6089 out-door total 6106 against 5985 last year, showing an increase of 121.

127. It is worthy of note that our Doctor grows rapidly in popularity on account of his most careful and sympathetic work amongst the people of the State and of those of the neighbouring States.

128. According to the daily attendance the total number of patients who availed of the benefit during the year was 24,156 against 24,612 last year.

129. There were in all 246 minor and major operations about nine of which were of serious nature and were successfully performed. The number of the indoor patients was 17.

130. A fine stock of surgical instruments including the magnificent microscrope of the present day and a very good stock of medicines are kept in the Hospital.

131. The total general expenditure of the Hospital was Rs. 2,992 vide Appendix XXIII.

132. It is most gratifying to note that the Thakor Saheb is keeping this institution on a very high standard out of his usual sympathy and liberality and the Doctor is the most deserving officer who spare nothing to make the free benefits of the institution widely enjoyed by the State people and others with his usual sympathetic and careful treatment.

133. The general health of the people was good, there was no epidemic of any kind, the small-pox of a very mild type was seen at some places.

134. The vaccination is managed and supervised by the Kathiawad Agency Surgeon, the State has to pay towards the expenses of Vaccinators &c. The total number of children vaccinated was 213 boys and 187 girls making total of 400 against 507 last year.

Vaccination.

Births. 135. There were 486 births against 526 last year. The ratio being 37·4 per 1,000 of population.

Deaths. 136. The number of deaths registered was 284 against 321 last year, the ratio per 1,000 of population being 18.

137. It appears that mortality among young children was some what high and our medical officer is of opinion that this is due to bad habits of giving opium to young children, which tells heavily upon them in extreme cold.

CHAPTER VII.

Education.

Schools. 138. There are nine schools in the State.

1	Middle School teaching upto Srandard IV.
7	Primary boys' School.
1	,, Girls' School.
9	Total.

139. In the middle school the class of the Standard IV is newly added this year. The Head Master of the middle School is working most satisfactorily.

140. It is most gratifying to note that the Thakor Saheb out of his usual liberality made these schools as free schools charging nothing as fees.

141. During the year under report the number of pupils was 399 against 394 last year and the average attendance was 307 against 297 last year.

142. This shows a fair increase which to a certain extent is also due to the opening of a new School at Pipli.

143. The examination results were pronounced satisfactory. The Prant officers were much pleased at the healthy built of the school children and they were well impressed for the training given when they attended the prize distribution and visited the schools. They have recorded good remarks in the visitor books.

144. The school buildings at Vala are specious ; a fine gymnasium with modern requisites is provided for physique, and the boys take good interest in it. The cricket is also played as an outdoor game.

145. The total expenditure of all the Schools was Rs. 2810 against Rs. 2863 last year vide Appendix XXV.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing press.

146. There is no printing press in the State either public or Durbari. The general work of the State printing is done at Rajkot.

Library and museum of old relies.

147. There is a free library at Vala maintained by the Thakore Saheb. English and Gujarati daily and weekly papers and magazines are supplied. No seditious papers or books are admitted.

148. A small museum is attached to the Library of old relics such as copper plates and seals, small Jain and Budhist idols in brass &c,, beads, ordinary ring stones, large bricks, and tiles, clay oil cups &c. Some large Lingas a life size granite Nandi or Bull and such like are preserved in Sidheswar temple and elsewhere.

Water supply.

149. It is fully stated in paras 52 and 53.

Fire appliances.

150. There is one fire engine which is kept in working order with a good stock of fire hoses and it was very much useful in the recent accident.

Census.

151. The Census was completed according to the Government instructions on the night of the 10th March 1910 without any hitch or difficulty.

152. The figures show a small decrease of 274 than the previous census 1901. The main reason for this appears that with the advance of education and easy communications, the Brahmins who form the bulk of the population of Vala, have commenced to understand their position and instead of living upon alms and beggary, many of them have been going out to other countries for employment and for business and secondly it may be due to the ravages of plague.

Conclusion.

153. The revenue year proved favourable and passed peacefully but the shortness of rain in the last monsoon has caused great anxiety, and upset all the repair that was done after the last terrible famine of Samvat 1956 (1900). All the departments worked most satisfactorily during the year under report.

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DAMODARDAS PRINTING HOUSE, RAJKOT.

Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1911-12.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Mr. Ratansha P. Damri.	Karbhari.	1-4-11.	17-9-11.	On leave from 18-9-11 to 31-3-12.
Mr. Krishnalal K. Trivedi.		18-9-11.	31-3-12.	Acting during the leave.

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Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State 1911-12.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
...	...	...	No special laws of the State, but the British laws in their general spirit are adapted.

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Appendix III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1911-12.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of the last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	No. of Regigiments, Battalions or Batteries.	No. of Guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry. ...														
Sappers. ...														
Artillery. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Infantry. ..														
Imperial Service Troops...														

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Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1911-12.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly)..	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Havaldar. ...	2	15	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
do ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Full Naik. ...	3	12	36	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bugler. ...	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First class Constable. ...	13	9	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second class „ ...	13	8	104	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Third class „ ...	7	7	49	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Forth class „ ...	4	6	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fifth class „ ...	2	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
											...
											...
Total...	50		457	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...
											...

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Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State, during the year 1911-12.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	136	69	128	64	128	64	65	37	74	33	50-7	52-2	50-7	57-7	1 awaiting trial at the end of the year ? in the jail.

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Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1911-12.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	287-2-0	795-8-0	49-14-0	529-0-10	17-4	66-6	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1911-12.

Description of Offences.	Numbesr of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Terms of imprisonment.										Capital punishment.	Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months.	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.			
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Forgery.	0	1	1																										
Theft.	5	29	34																										
Enticing a maried woman	0	1	1																										
Marrying again during the life time of husband. ...	0	0	0																										
Simple hurt.	0	17	17	70	52	71	37	0	6	0	10	21	0	37	33	0	0	5	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Houes breaking.	0	1	1																										
Attempt to commit suicide.	0	2	2																										
Adultery....	0	2	2																										
Rape.	0	0	0																										
Possessing false weight. ...	0	0	0																										
Crimes against coinage rules.	0	0	0																										
Miscellaneous.	2	16	18																										
Total...	7	69	76	70	52	71	37	0	6	0	10	21	0	37	33	0	0	5	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

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Appendix VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Total.		Persons disposed of.						Remarks.
						Brought to trial in														
		Past year.	Present year.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Nyayadhish Court.	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Deputy Court.	135	68	7	38	6	16	...	...	142	67	11	18	37	...	...	1	

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Appendix IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																		Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Nyayadhish Court.	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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Appendix X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.										Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs. 500 & under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000,	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
1	Vala.	9	16	76	29	85	45	69	40	16	5	524-0-0	...	27	2	17	12	...	...	...	7	8	2	23	4252-0-0	M. D. 0-8.	

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Appendix XI.

Civil Work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1911-12.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Nyayadhish Court.	4	3	1931	3	2	424	7	5	2355	4	5	2355	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Deputy Court. ...	336	222	25603	311	62	9200	647	284	34803	425	253	31422	222	31	3381	2	5	24	

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Appendix XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during. Rs.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Nyayadhish Court. ...	2	0	2	1	4	1	4	1	0	0	160	103	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	Y.m.d. 0-0-7	Y m.d. 0-0-8	
Hazur Court. ...	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-1-15	0-0-5	

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Appendix XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Stations.	Number of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
										Days.	
Vala.	1	9	22	43	31	12·71	5·02	1	346*	19·4	No death occurred during the year. *Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV.

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1911-12.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	17	13	16	9	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	1	8	8	2007	11800	6	7	3	1	

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Appendix XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1911-12.

Description.	Past year.								Present year.							
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.				No. of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.			
Mortgage with possession....	2	235	0	0	5	0	0		4	2889	0	0	10	0	0	
Simple mortgage. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	2900	0	0	7	8	0	
Usufructuary mortgage... ...	5	1642	0	0	13	4	0		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wills....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	511	0	0	2	8	0	
Miscellaneous.	1	130	0	0	2	8	0		1	5500	0	0	5	0	0	
Total. ...	8	2007	0	0	20	12	0		8	11800	0	0	25	0	0	
Expenditure. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total. ...	8	2007	0	0	20	12	0		8	11800	0	0	25	0	0	

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Appendix XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present		Past.	Present		
Vala.	...	6484	5736	5736	9247	8247	...	Deficit is made up by the State.

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Appendix XVII.

Statement of Rain Fall in the Vala State.

State.	April 1911.	May 1911.	June 1911.	July 1911.	August 1911.	September 1911.	October 1911.	November 1911.	December 1911.	January 1912.	February 1912.	March 1912.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
Vala.	...	...	2-9	1-2	0-56	1-99	...	...	...	...	...	...	5-66	22-17	20-51	

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Appendix XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grain.

Article.	During March (past year.)			During March (present year.)			Remarks.
Wheat.	0	11	10	0	11	0	
Bajri.	0	11	20	0	9	30	
Juwar.	0	16	...	0	12	30	
Gram.	0	14	...	0	12	30	

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Appendix XIX.

Expenditure on public Works, during the year 1911-12.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
City road repairs.	...	2001	2001	...	...	...	2201	
District road repairs.	...	1022	1022	...	...	...	1022	
Construction and repairs to Darbari buildings.	4000	5127	9127	...	...	...	9127	
Public garden.	...	2481	2481	...	...	...	2481	
Miscellaneous repairs, water works, construction of wells, Tanks, river bunds and village houses.	4500	14700	19200	...	...	...	19200	
Total...	8500	25331	33831	...	...	...	33831	

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Appendix XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

District.	Year.	Horses and catttle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.
				Males.	Females.									
Vala.	1911-12.	2658	1142	571	977	34	111	26	125	5402	1014	352	20	591

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Appendix XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	
Vala.	3	131	5	917	1	31	...	...	9	1079	

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Appendix XXII.

Statement showing Receipts and Charges of the Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1911.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Opening balance.	12775	A. Tribute...	13259
A Land Revenues.	202007	B. Refunds.	...
B. Forest....	...	C. Administration.	55071
C. Excise.	1796	D. Education.	2810
D. Stamp....	507	E. Dispensary.	2992
E. Law and Justice... ...	3305	F. Domestic charges, ordi-	
F. Miscellaneous :—		nary including servants.	39379
Outstanding recoveries.	24506	Domestic, extraordinary.	12437
		Stables.	23003
Total A to F...	244896	Education of Kumars....	1906
		G. Religious Dharmada....	2768
		H. Public Work.	20084
		I. Stamp department. ...	...
		J. Pensions.	48
		K. Conservancy &c... ...	11207
		Total A to K...	184164
		L. Repayment of debt. ...	57184
		Closing balance....	2748
Grand Total...	244896	Grand Total...	244896

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Appendix XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1911-12.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Vala.	6089	17	12	...	...	5	2992	66	Aggregate number treated according to daily attendance was 24156.

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Appendix XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1911-12.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Vala.	13011	526	486	...	40	321	284	...	87	40·5	37·4	24·7	18	These figures do not include statistics of 6 villages under Zillah hakumat.

VALA,
1st May 1912.

KRISHNALAL KESHAVLAL TRIVEDI,
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix XXV.

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1911-12.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
								Rs.		
1	1	Middle School.	19	28	13-3	18	...	590		
7	7	Primary Boy's Schools.	285	291	219	233	...	...	2220	
1	1	Primary Girl's School.	90	80	65	56	...	...		
9	9		394	396	297-3	307	...	590	2220	

VALA, *1st May 1912.*

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CHAPTER I.

GENERAL.

Situation.

1. The Vala State is situated in the Gohilwad Prant in Kathiawad. It is about 22 miles to the North-West of Bhavnagar and about 25 miles to the North of the Shetruja Hill of Palitana.

Boundary.

2. The State is bounded on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, and to a certain extent here and there with Chamardi Thana and the Baroda villages.

Villages.

3. The State now consists of 46 villages, six of which are under the Zilla Hakumat.

Area.

4. The area of the State is 190·3 square miles.

Revenue.

5. The gross ordinary Revenue of the State is Rs. 1,50,000 and the average of the last five years is Rs. 1,53,387.

Capital Town.

6. Vala is situated on the river Utavali. This capital town occupies the site of the famous historical Valbhipur Patan, the seat of the Valbhi Dynasty, whose ruins lie burried below the thick layers of the black soil and silt under the modern town and its neighbourhood. The only remains of the old buildings are the large foundation-

bricks, of which generally the present town houses and the wall round the town are built.

7. Amongst the remains those are found are scattered Lingas some of very large size, and a life size granite Nandi or Bull in broken condition which are preserved near the modern Sidheshwar Mahadev Temple.

8. The diggers of the old bricks have found now and then copper-pots and the copper plates of the 7th century, when the history tells that this town was burried. Also some small Budhist relics, beads, ring stone of akik, Cambay stones, clay seals and earthern vessels are found which are preserved in the form of a small museum attached to the Library. No other outer signs exist to represent this old important City. Formerly it must have been a very big Harbour in the present Bhavnagar Creek.

9. This State had a harbour at the village of Gheldi in the Creek, which has since been choked up with heavy silt, but a very heavy succession of monsoon may reopen the said Creek for the harbour.

10. The nearest Railway Station for Vala is Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar State Railway, which is connected by a good metalled road about 11 miles in length, which has fine bridges and culverts all along, except at one place at Umrala (Bhavnagar State) just at half the way. Here the large river Kalubhar passes, which while under heavy flood in monsoon generally stops the traffic for a day or two, and ordinarily it having a sandy bed it is difficult to pass. The Bhavnagar State is thinking of building a Cause-way over it, which if carried out will be a great boon to the public.

Population.

11. The population of the State is 13,011 souls according to the last census.

Country.

12. The Country is generally flat. The soil is partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

13. The principal rivers in the state are Ghelo, Utavali, Keri and Kalubhar.

Grass vidis.

14. There are 5 principal bids, two at Vala, one at Motidharai and one at Nasitpur and one at Chada. There is no forest in the State.

15. Although the greater part of the population consists of Hindus and Mahomedans the perfect religious toleration is observed here; there has never been a case of illfeeling or disturbance between them in the State during the Mohorum or the Hindu Holidays.

Harmony of Religion.

16. The negotiations are in progress for building a narrow gauge Railway from Dhola to Vala, with the Bhavnagar State and it is hoped that within near future it will be arranged to take up the scheme in hand. There is no Tramway in the State.

Railway.

18. The sanitatry condition of the people and the animals remained good. There was no epidemic disease affecting the people or animals during the year except the small-pox of a milder form among the people; energetic steps were taken by the medical department to check it.

Sanitation.

18. See paras 36 and 37 of this report.

Water Supply.

Political.

19. The State pays an anuual Tribute of Rs. 6,854 as Gaekwar Peshkashi, Rs. 2,348 as Junagadh Jortalbi, and Rs. 3,307 as Jamabandhi for the Zilla villages.

Tribute.

20. The State is a 3rd Class State under the Kathiawad Political Agency. The Thakor Saheb is entitled to the official visits and return visits to and from His Excellency the Governor of the Bombay Presidency.

Political Status.

21. The restriction on the original full Jurisdictional powers enjoyed by the State is not yet removed, therefore the State enjoys at present, the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd Class State. Out of the 46 villages the jurisdiction in Civil, Criminal and Political matters is in the hand of the Thakor Saheb who has powers to pass sentences upto 7 years in the Criminal matters, and to decide the Civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000, in the 40 villages of the State. In the 6 Zilla villages the Civil and Criminal jurisdiction is with the Zilla Courts, while the full revenue jurisdiction is with the Thakor Saheb.

Jurisdiction.

Thakor Saheb & his family.

22. The present Ruler is Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji, a Gohil Rajput, aged 50. He succeeded to the Gadi in A. D. 1884. The Vala dynasty is the offshoot of the Bhavnagar House. The original founder of the present Vala Gadi was Gohil Visaji, a son of Bhavsinhji who established Bhavnagar in A. D. 1742. The history (Gujarat Gazetteer) tells that these Bhavnagar Gohils admittedly belong to the Valbhi Stock. It further says that these Gohils have not only taken their name from the original race of Ghelots and Gohils, but also from the name of the King Guha or Guhasena the fourth Ruler and apparently the first great Sovereign among the Valbhies (A. D. 559-567) after the Valbhis' many other important dynasties have ruled in this part.

23. The present Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji has received good education. He has special genius and liking for the public works, sanitation, and development of the industries, and in consideration of the small State and its resources the money is well spent in these useful purposes.

Progeny.

24. The Thakor Saheb has two sons and a daughter, the latter was married to the Raj Saheb of Wankaner 8 years ago, and it is most pleasing to say that she is now the mother of the Wankaner Heir-Apparent.

25. Of the two sons, Heir-Apparent Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji is now 24 years of age. He has taken education in England for 5 years at the Harrow School. He is now attending the Imperial Cadet Corps at Dehra Dun. The second son Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji aged 18 is studying in the Wadhwan Garacia School.

26. The Thakor Saheb had two Ranies, one of Kotda Sangani and the other of Mengni both of the Jadeja Clans. They both died 17 years ago. The Thakor Saheb has since not remarried.

History of the State.

27. This State has never been disintigrated from its original entire form. This State originally enjoyed the full jurisdiction without any restriction. When the first Classification was made this State was placed in the second class (vide Appendix G) along with Dhrangadhra, Limbdi and Wadhwan (Appendix A), and with Rajkot and Dhrol (Appendix D), and with Palitana (Appendix G) attached to the report of Captain George Le Grand Jacob, Political Agent, Kathiawad, submitted to the Government of Bombay on the 4th October 1842 (vide Government Selection No. 39).

28. The subsequent Classification was made in A. D. 1865 to 1868 by Col. Keatinge, some 48 years before. The condition and circumstances of the States and the Talukas have since undergone a great change. The Rajkumar College has enlightened the Princes and the Chiefs of all the States. The education among the people has since progressed considerably. Nearly half a century elapsed over the last classification. The time under the British Rule has brought forth education, civilization and facilities. Therefore it is justice and fairness to revise the said old Classification of Col. Keatinge on the modern basis of the efficient administration and of the original exercise of the full jurisdiction of the States. And the Honourable Bombay Government will issue instructions as soon as possible for the said revision and the re-classification.

Visit.

29. Captain A. S. Meek, the Political Agent Gohilwad Prant, visited this place with his camp from the 6th to 11th January 1913. He visited the Jail and the Hospital and recorded an expression of satisfaction in the visit-books. He very kindly attended the prize-destribution in the Middle, Primary Boys' and the Girls' Schools.

Political Relation.

30. The Political relation with the neighbouring States is very cordial. The general co-operation and the peace were maintained during the year under report.

Loyalty.

31. Throughout the State there is a sincere expression of loyalty and devotion to the British Rule and to the Darbar Saheb. There is not a single case of disaffection or sedition.

Alienation and Boundary Disputes.

32. There is no fresh alienation or Boundary disputes. Some old Boundary-Disputes with Baroda remain unsettled since a very long time. The Thakor Saheb is much anxious to bring an early disposal thereof and it is hoped it will soon be brought to an end.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Revenue Year.

33. The revenue year commenced on the 1st of Kartak Sud Samvat 1968 that is the 23rd October 1911 and ended on the 9th November 1912. The agricultural facts which this report represents are therefore those connected with the rainfall of the Samvat 1967 (i.e. A. D. 1911) rather than those of the monsoon of St. 1968 (i.e. A. D. 1912).

34. The rainfall during the year Samvat 1967 (A. D. 1911) on which the revenue condition of the State for the present report was based, was inches 5.66 as appears in the last year's report Appendix XVII.

Rainfall.

35. The rainfall during the year under report is inches 34.20, and the average of the last five years is inches 17.65.

36. The country is generally flat. The soil is partly black sandy and partly alluvial-clay and the lands of the State can safely be devided into the two main divisions namely Eastern and Western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat and other crops are grown without irrigation. The sweet water is not available in the wells. If any irrigatation is done, which is necessitated in bad times the land gets spoiled and it has to be kept fallow for 3 or 4 years to render fit for sowing the ordinary crops. Thus in the eastern division the crops entirely depend upon good monsoon and the soil is very agreeable to wheat and cotton. In the Western division the soil is generally black and the water is all along found in the wells. Thus both the monsoon and the irrigated crops are raised in this division.

Nature of land.

36. There is always general scarcity of water for the drinking purposes in the Eastern division of the State. Every village has its own tank which in a normal year supplies the water during the year round.

Water supply.

37. In the town of Vala a small pumping engine is erected over the garden-well for supplying water to the garden and for rearing the nim-trees by the cannal round the city drive. It also supplies the drinking water for the Durbargadh &c., through the pipe-system. This pipe-scheme is being developed gradually.

38. The condition of the agricultural stock and of the people is not good on account of the very short rain last year on which the revenue of the year under report depended. The State gave tagavi to the needy cultivators.

Agricultural condition.

39. The general crops are cotton, juwari, wheat, bajri, grass, til and pulse. The details are stated in the Chapter IV.

Crops.

40. The land revenue during the revenue year is Rs. 18,548.

Land Revenue.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Laws.

40. The State has adopted the British Civil and Criminal laws in their general spirit in all the Courts, and in the minor matters such as registration and like the State has enacted its own rules.

Military.

41. There is no regular military force maintained by the State. But the armed police is trained considerably with regular drills &c. under military pensioned Officers.

Police.

42. The police force comprises 20 mounted and 120 foot of which 50 are regular and the rest irregular including the village Police. The regulars have the muzzle loading guns and the irregulars have swords and battons. The ratio of the police to the population is 1·1 per 100 and to area 1·39 per square mile. There are two Fojdars who look after the Eastern and Western divisions.

43. The Village police is paid in cash in about two third cases and the rest have land on service tenure. In the harvest time some extra men are employed as mosamis.

Working of Police.

44. The number of the offences reported during the year under report was 90 against 69 last year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 88 against 64 last year. In all 88 accused were dealt with, including 1 awaiting trial at the close of the last year. Out of 88 accused sent for trial 42 were convicted and 37 were discharged or acquitted. One was committed to the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Agent to the Governor at Rajkot and eight (6 on bail and 2 in Jail) remained awaiting the trial at the close of the year. The percentage of conviction is 46·6 against 50·7 last year.

Stolen Property.

45. The value of the stolen property is Rs. 1,567-13-9 against Rs. 795-8-0 last year.

46. The working of the Police in their preventative and detective measures is most satisfactory this year and it reflects credit upon the whole department.

47. The Appendix VII gives the details of the number and the nature of the crimes and punishment inflicted. The number of the petty thefts has not increased on account of the famine of the last year.

Crimes.

48. There are two Courts for the Civil and Criminal Justice, namely Nyayadhis and Deputy Nyayadhis Courts. Over these Courts the Hazur Court hears appeals.

Civil and Criminal Justice.

50. The number of the offences reported and the persons dealt with by the said two Courts is given under the Appendix VIII. This shows that the total number of offences reported was 92 and that of the persons dealt with was 88. Out of them 42 were convicted and 37 were acquitted or discharged.

Criminal Appeals.

51. There were only 5 Appeals. Appendix IX.

52. The Appendix X shows that 56 Civil suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 18,075 were filed during the year and out of these and 5 of the last year, 58 suits of the aggregate value of Rs. 12,764 were disposed of. The average duration is 8 days.

Civil Suits.

53. The Appendix XI shows that 379 applications for the execution of the decrees of the aggregate value of Rs. 47,906 were on the file during the year out of which 287 of the aggregate value of Rs. 39,249 were disposed of and 92 were left for disposal for the next year.

Execution of Decrees.

54. The Nyayadhis Court had 1 appeal during the year and was disposed of. The Hazur Court had two appeals of which one was disposed of. Vide Appendix XII.

Civil Appeals.

55. The demand was usual for the extradition and it calls for no special remarks.

Extraditiod.

56. There is one Jail at Vala, and a small lock-up at Loliana. The latter is seldom used only as a temporary measure.

Prison.

57. The Vala Jail has 8 cells, which includes a separate accomodation for the Civil and under-trial prisoners. It has a separate kitchen and a small work shed within the jail walls. The

duty of mounting the guards is done by the regular Police and not by the jail wards.

58. There was 1 prisoner at the close of the last year and 15 were admitted during the year under report. Of these 14 were released leaving 2 at the close of the year.

59. The total cost including the Police guard was Rs. 164. There was no death in the Jail. The prisoners enjoyed good health.

Registration.

60. The Appendix XIV shows that 16 documents of the aggregate value of Rs. 8,692 were registered during the year under report. And the Appendix XV shows the receipt and the charges for the same.

Municipality.

61. Vala is not a big town to go under the catagory of a regular municipal town. Its population is only 3,989 souls.

62. The municipal affairs are managed directly by the State officials, quite efficiently without the assistance of any Committee. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering, conservancy, sanitation, repairs and improvements to the roads, rearing road-side trees round the city drive are well looked after, and it would not be an exaggeration to say that visitors always admire at the neatness of the place.

63. The legitimate municipal receipts are generally much shorter than the ordinary expenditure, but it is very gratifying to mention that the large deficit of rupees is every year very liberally met from the general revenues.

64. The receipt during the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,679 whereas the expenditure was Rs. 11,425, vide Appendix XVI. The deficit will be written off against the State. The main items of the receipts are octroi, house-tax, and excise revenue.

CHAPTER IV.

Production and Distribution.

Weather & Crops.

65. The revenue year which commenced on the 1st Kartuk Sud Samvat 1968 and which was based on the rainfall of inches 5·66 proved a failure. Only 2303 acres were under the sowing operation, and the crops were also withered away without sufficient moisture. There was no sufficient grass for the cattle. The facts for the said hard time is stated in paras 108 to 123 of the last year's report.

66. The following table shows the comparative areas of different crops.

Serial No.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation last year. Acres.	Areas under cultivation present year. Acres.
1	Cotton. ...	160	8550
2	Juwari. ...	1160	14268
3	Wheat. ...	800	7120
4	Bajri. ...	14	1217
5	Til. ...	0	2414
6	Gram. ...	0	264
7	Miscellaneous. ...	130	150
	Sugarcane. ...	39	8
		2303	33991

Rainfall.

67. The rainfall on which the revenue year was based was inches 5·66. The rainfall during the year under report was inches 34·20. The average rainfall of the past five years is inches 17·65.

Outturn.

68. The outturn of the crops was not good.

Wages and prices.

69. During the revenue year the wages of the labourers were very low. They could find work in the State. The prices of the grains were very high, vide Appendix XVIII.

Forest.

70. The country is flat and there is no forest. Babuls are reared in the waste lands, nalla sides and on the road side.

Trees.

71. We have large mango groves in our Zillah villages of Kamlej and Undvi. They in a normal year give a good yield. But in this famine year they gave nothing.

72. The road side trees are reared with great care. Round the city drive nearly 854 young nim and gulmohor trees are being reared and they are regularly watered by the Dhorias from the garden-well, over which a small pumping engine is also working along with the bullock-moats. These trees are now under good growth.

Trade & manufacrure.

73. The chief items of trade are cotton, wheat and jowari. They form the bulk of the export which in all amounted to Rs. 1,95,731 against the Rs. 6,16,971 last year.

74. The import amounted to Rs. 2,45,248 against Rs. 2,54,189 last year. These are generally in piece goods, timber, rice, sugar, spices, cutlery &c.

75. There are no manufactory of any special kind in this place.

76, The State has a workshop of its own, in which certain trained artizans are employed. Along with them some local artizans were employed according to the demand of the work.

Ginning Factory.

77. There is one Ginning Factory at Vala. It is fairly advancing. Two years before 12 more ginning machines were added making a total of 32. A powerful new engine had been replaced and the proprietor, who is himself a large cotton merchant is trying to give all sorts of facilities to the public.

Public Work.

78. The Appendix XIX gives the deails of the expenditure upto 31st March 1913 on the public works &c. during the year under report. The main items are for miscellaneous repairs to the buildings, water works, construction of wells, tanks, river bunds, and village houses. A good amount was spent on the repair of the roads. Unfortunately no kanker nor metal is available on the road sides, and they have to be carted from a distance of 4 to 5 miles which is very expensive.

Post Office.

79. In Vala there is a Government combined Post and Telegraph office. In other villages there are no regular post offices but in some the letter-boxes are kept which are cleared by the post peons on their delivery-rounds.

Mint.

80. There is no mint in the State.

Agricultural stock.

81. The Appendix XX gives the details of the agricultural stock registered on the 31st March 1913.

Excise.

82. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 1073, vide Appendix XXI. The refund of the opium pass-fee was realized seperately by the State. The sale of liquor and Ganja is practically very limited.

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and finance.

Finance.

83. It will be found from the Report of the year 1910-11 that up to the end of the year Samvat 1966 that is 31st October 1910 the State was able to pay Rs. 21,596 towards the Government dues and a very large sum of Rs. 17,872 was also spent in the useful public works, vide Appendix XXII to that report.

84. Since then with the good prospect of the new crops and unprecedented high price of the cotton the State was able to pay before the 30th March 1911 Rs. 47,064 towards the Government dues of Gaekwar's Peshkashi and Junagadh Jortalbi clearing all arrears with interest and making full payment upto date. This shows that before the monsoon of the last year the financial condition was the best.

85. Unfortunately the rainfall of the revenue year was only 5·66 and the monsoon passed away without further rain, this involved the State and the people in difficnlty. The State and the people toiled very hard to repair the damage done by the last bad years.

86. The labourers got annas 2 to 3 per day. The relief works and the general works of repairing the roads and the State buildings on a large scale provided sufficient work for the needy people. The cultivators were engaged in raising the chhastias on a large scale and the money was given to them for tagavi and food.

87. We thank the Prant Officer, the Agent to the Governor and the Bombay Government for assisting us at such hard time to enable us to remove the financial difficulty.

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

88. There is one Hospital at Vala and it remained in the charge of Doctor D. D. Mistri, L. M. & S. during the whole year.

The new Hospital to be called "The Edward Hospital" named in the memory of our late much beloved and revered Sovereign Edward VII is under construction and when completed it will provide all sorts of wants and facilities of the present day.

The number of the patients treated during the year under report was 16 in-door and 7,969 out-door total of 7,985 against 6,106 last year showing an increase of 1,879.

It is worthy of note that the Doctor has grown popular on account of his most careful and sympathetic work amongst the people of the State and those of the neighbouring States.

Accordingly the daily attendance the total number of patients who availed of the benefit during the year was 29,311 against 24,156 last year.

The total general expenditure of the Hospital was Rs. 3,592 vide Appendix XXIII.

The general health of the people was good, there was no epidemic of any kind, the Small-pox of a very mild type was seen at some places.

Vaccination.

89. The vaccination was managed and supervised by the Kathiawad Agency Surgeon. The State has to pay towards the expenses of the Vaccinators &c. The total number of the children vaccinated was 239 boys and 238 girls making the total of 477 against 400 last year.

Births.

90. There were 351 births against 488 last year. The ratio being 24 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

91. The number of the deaths registered was 588 against 284 last year, the ratio per 1,000 of population being 45·2.

CHAPTER VII.

Schools.

92. There are nine schools in the State. 1 Middle school teaching upto the Standard IV, 7 Primary Boys' Schools. 1 Girls' School. In the Middle School the class of Standard IV was newly added last year.

It is most gratifying to note that the Thakor saheb out of his usual liberality remitted the fees, thus made them all free schools, which enabled the people of all the classes to take the advantage of the education.

During the year under report the number of the pupils was 458 against 399 last year. And the average attendance, was 339 against 307 last year. This shows a fair increase in the number of the pupils.

The school buildings at Vala are spacious. A fine gymnasium with modern requisites is provided for the physical exercise of the boys and they take good interest in the same. The cricket is also played as an out-door game.

Total expenditure of all the schools was Rs. 2357 against Rs. 2,220 last year, vide Appendix XXV.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

There is no printing press in the State.

There is a free Library at Vala maintained by the Thakor Saheb. English and Gujrati daily and weekly papers and magazines are supplied. No seditious papers or books are admitted.

A small museum is attached to the Library of tho old relics such as old copper plates, seals, some Jain and Budhist idols in brass, beads, ordinary ring stones, large bricks, old tiles, clay oil cups &c. Some large Lingas and a life size Nandi or Bull and such like are preserved in the Sidheswar Temple and elsewhere.

Water supply. It is fully stated in paras 36 and 37.

Fire Appliances. There is a fire engine which is kept in the working order with a good stock of fire hoses.

Conclusion. The revenue year proved a failure. It has upset the repair that was done after the last terrible famine of 1900. All the departments worked satisfactorily during the year under report.

Vala,
1st May 1913.

Krishnalal Keshavlal Trivedi,
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Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1912–13.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Mr. Krishnalal K. Trivedi.	Karbhari.	18-9-11.	31-3-13.	

Vala, 1st May 1913.

Krishnalal Keshavlal Trivedi,
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State 1912-13.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
			No special laws of the State, but the British laws in their general spirit are adopted.

VALA,
1st May 1913.

KRISHNALAL KESHAVLAL TRIVEDI,
Karbhari, Vala State

Appendix III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1912-13.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of the last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties. Died	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted &c.	At the end of the current year.	No. of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	No. of Guns.	Number, of men. European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry. ...														
Sappers. ...														
Artillery. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry. ...														
Imperial Service Troops...														

Vala, 1st May 1913.

KRISHNALAL KESHAVLAL TRIVEDI,

Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1912-13.

Description of Office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar...	1	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Havaldar.	2	15	30	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Full Naik	3	12	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lance Naik.	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Bugler	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
First class Constable. ...	13	9	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Second class „ ...	13	8	104	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Third class „ ...	7	7	49	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Forth class „ ...	4	6	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fifth class „ ...	2	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	50	...	457	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Vala, 1st May 1913.

Krishnalal Keshavlal Trivedi,
Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past Year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	69	90	64	88	64	88	37	42	33	37	52·2	46·6	50·7	46·6	8 remaining { 6 on Bail. 2 ~~on~~ trial. 1 committed to the Court of the Judicial Assistant Court.

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1912-13.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	795-8-0	1567-13-9	529-0-10	386-5-9	66 6	24 6	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1912-13.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Transportation.	Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
								Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.																				
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the past year.	Total.					Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...																											
Theft.	...	39	39																											
Enticing a married woman.	...	...	...																											
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	1	1																											
Simple hurt.	...	29	29	51	62	89	42	1	3	2	9	27	...	42	37	...	...	5	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
House breaking.	...	1	1																											
Attempt to commit suicide.	...	2	2																											
Adultery.	...	1	1																											
Rape.	...	...	...																											
Possessing false weight.	...	...	...																											
Crimes against coinage rules	...	...	...																											
Miscellaneous.	1	16	17																											
Total...	1	90	91	51	62	89	42	1	3	2	9	27	...	42	37	...	...	5	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	

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Karbhari, Vala State.

Appendix VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.							Persons disposed of.							Remarks.
					Brought to trial in					Total.								
		Past year.	Present year.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or transferred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Nyayadhish Court.	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Committed to the Judicial Assistant Court
2	Deputy Court.	68	90	1	49	5	30	...	...	67	85	27	10	41	1*	...	6	

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Appendix IX.

Statement showing the result of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																	Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Nyayadhis Court.	3	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur Court.	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer, or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year	present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	present year.	Value.	Suits re landed property	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs 500 & under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000.	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
1	Vala.	16	5	29	58	45	63	40	58	5	5	18075	6	50	2	49	5	...	3	1	20	12	6	20	12764	8 days.	

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil Work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for the present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Below 12 months	
Nyayadhish Court	3	...	...	2	1	603-0-0	5	1	603-0-0	5	1	603	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Deputy Court.	222	31	3381	62	347	43922	284	370	47303	253	286	38646	31	92	8657	92	19	70	

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APPENDIX XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during. Rs.		How disposed of.												Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.						
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.	
Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	103	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 days.	...	
Hazur Court.	...	...	1	1	1	1	2	...	1	1	1	98	75	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Stations.	Number of prisons.	Number of prisoners.			Daily.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.						
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.			
									Days.	
Vala.	1	1	15	31	16	5·02	1·52	2	*164	26 276	No death occured during the year *Cost of guards not included.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of Documents in the Vala State in the year 1912-13.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	13	18	9	10	2	7	1	1	...	...	1	1	8	16	11800-0-0	8692-0-0	7	3	1	...	One document was of last year.

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1912-13 in Vala State.

Description.	Past year.				Present year.			
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realized.		No. of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realized.	
Mortgage with possession...	4	2889 0 0	10 0 0		7	4479 0 0	21 4 0	
Simple mortgage. ...	...							
Sale.	2	2900 0 0	7 8 0		7	1485 0 0	17 8 0	
Unfructuary mortgage	...							
Will.	1	511 0 0	2 8 0		1	503 0 0	2 8 0	
Miscellaneous.	1	5500 0 0	5 0 0		1	2225 0 0	5 0 0	
Total. ...	8	11800 0 0	25 0 0		16	8692 0 0	46 4 0	
Expenditure. ...								
Total. ...	8	11800 0 0	25 0 0		16	8692 0 0	46 4 0	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present		Past.	Present		
Vala.	...	3736	4679	4679	3247	11425	...	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rain Fall in the Vala State for the year 1912-13.

State.	April 1912.	May 1912.	June 1912.	July 1912.	August 1912.	September 1912.	October 1912.	November 1912.	December 1912.	January 1913.	February 1913.	March 1913.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
Vala State Dispensary.	0—0	0-46	4—9	21-10	8-17	0-14	0—0	0-24	0—0	0—0	0—0	0—0	34-20	5-66	17-65	

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Appendix XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains for the year 1912-13.

Article.	During March (past year.) Bengali. M	S.	T.	During March (present year.) Bengali. M.	S.	T.	Remarks.
Wheat.	0	11	0	0	12	0	Per one rupee.
Bajri.	0	9	30	0	10	0	
Jnvar.	0	12	30	0	13	20	
Gram.	0	12	30	0	13	0	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on public Works, during the year 1912-13.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.	Remarks.
	Original	Repairs	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
City road repairs. ...	...	560	560	...	...	...	560	
District road repairs. ...	...	583	583	...	...	...	583	
Construction and repairs to Darbari buildings.	3500	5418	8918	...	...	...	8918	
Public Garden. ...	...	1662	1662	...	...	...	1662	
Miscellaneous, repairs, water works, construction of wells, Tanks river bands, village Houses.	3040	7400	10440	...	...	...	10440	
Famine.	...	1373	1373	...	...	...	1373	
	6540	16996	23536				23536	

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

District.	Year	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.
				Males.	Females.									
Vala.	1912–13.	2526	1215	712	1191	43	98	50	135	6474	1093	277	23	531

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of Shops.	Revenue	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops	Revenue.	
Vala.	2	128	4	917	1	31	...	...	7	1076	

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Appendix XXII.

Statement showing Receipts and Charges of the Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1912-13.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Opening balance.	2748	A. Tribute.	1436
A. Land Revenues.... ...	18548	B. Refunds.	.....
B Forest....	.....	C. Administration.... ...	48997
C. Excise....	1179	D. Education....	3146
D. Stamp....	386	E. Dispensary....	3592
E Law and Justiee... ...	2682	F. Domestic charges, ordi-	
F. Miscellaneous.	12962	nary including servants.	38835
G. Extraordinary miscel-		Domestic, extraordinary	42484
laneous including gra-		Stables....	34886
nary....	.....	Education of Kumars...	8260
Total A to G...	35757	G. Religious Dharmada,...	935
H. Debt including loans...	178235	H. Public Works.	13903
		I. Stamp Department. ...	4
		J. Pensions.	103
		K. Conservancy &c.... ...	14665
		Total A to K...	211246
		Closing balance...	5494
Grand Total.....	216740	Grand Total.....	216740

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1912-13.

Dispensary.	Number of patients trated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Valá State Dispensary.	7985	16	16	...	...	...	3592	80	Aggregate number treated according to daily attendance: 29311

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1912-13.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Valá.	13011	488	351	...	135	284	588	304	...	37·4	24	18	45·2	These figures do not include statistics of 6 villages under Zillah Hakumat.

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Appendix XXV.

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1912-13.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
1	1	Middle School....	28	33	18	21	...	789		
7	7	Primary Boy's School....	291	345	233	272	...	...	2357	
1	1	Primary Girl's School.	80	80	56	46	...	...		
			399	458	307	339	...	789	2357	

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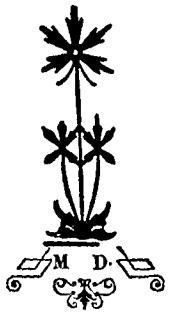

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OF THE

Vala State

FOR THE YEAR 1913-14.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL & POLITICAL.

STATUS AND SITUATION.

1. Vala is a Third Class State in the Gohilvad Prant with an area of 190·3 square miles. It is bounded on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limits and Baroda villages.

2. Vala is the chief town of the State and is situated on the bank of the Ghelo river, about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles North of Songad Civil Station and 11 miles North-East of Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar Railway which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good metal road with culverts all along except at one place at Umrala which is 5 miles from Vala under Bhavnagar limits. Here the large river Kalubhar passes which during the Monsoon under heavy flood stops traffic till the flood subsides. If the Bhavnagar State take up the matter and construct a cause-way over it, it will be a great blessing to the public.

VILLAGES.

3 There are 46 villages belonging to the State 6 of which are under British Jurisdiction. In these six villages the State enjoys revenue rights only. The Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction is exercised by the Officers of Gogo Mahal

POPULATION.

4. The population of the State according to the last Census is 13011 souls (6731 males and 6280 females) The population of the town of Vala is 5989 souls (2021 males 1968 females).

5. The country is flat and the soil is partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

COUNTRY.

6. The principal rivers in the State are Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar but there is no water in any of them except during the monsoon.

RIVERS.

7. There are five bids in the State. 2 at Vala, 1 at Motidharai, 1 at Nasitpur and 1 at Chada.

GRASS VIDS.

8. There is no forest but there is a good plantation of Mango, Gunda and Jambu trees in Kamlej under Gogo jurisdiction in which there are trees as under.

FOREST.

Swang (exclusive)

Mango trees	...	...	...	...	2477
Jambu trees	...	...	...	...	164
Gunda trees	...	...	...	...	284
					2925

Joint.

Mango trees	...	...	...	...	351
Jambu trees	...	...	...	...	22
Gunda trees	...	...	...	...	70
					443

Also there are such trees in villages under British jurisdiction. The expenditure on this plantation during the last year ending 31st October 1913 (Samvat 1969) was Rs. 2243, while the receipt during the years Samvat 1968 and 1969 was Rs 1862 and Rs. 2815 respectively. Lately farm of this very plantation fetched Rs. 8333/— in which the State will receive a net sum of Rs. 7600.

9 The gross revenue based on an average of the past 5 years is Rs. 174480.

REVENUE.

10. The greater part of the population consists of Hindus and Mahomedans but there has never been a case of ill feeling or disturbance during the Hindu or Mahomedan holidays.

HARMONY OF RELIGION.

11. The State is not in a position to construct a Railway line between Dhola and Vala as alluded to in para 16 of the last year's report. There is no tramway in the State. If the State of Bhavnagar undertakes to construct a tramway or light Railway it will confer a great boon and the hardship of travelling during the hot weather

RAILWAY.

under trying circumstances would be lessened. If the Agency brings this matter, to the notice of His Highness, the Maharajah Saheb will surely take into consideration the advisibility of the construction of a steam tramway or light Railway.

SANITATION.

12. The sanitary condition of the people and cattle was good. There was no epidemic but the prevailing diseases were biliousness, fever, cough, diarrhoæ There was no sort of sickness among the cattle.

WATER SUPPLY.

There is a general scarcity of water for drinking purposes.

POLITICAL

TRIBUTE.

13. The State pays Rs 13292-0-6 to the British Government as under: —

Rs 6854-0 0 for Gaekwar Peshkashi.

Rs 2348-0-0 Junagadh Jortalbi

Rs. 4090-0-6 Jamabandi for Zilla villages.

POLITICAL STATUS.

14 The Vala State is a Third Class State in the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Saheb Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil, is entitled to the official visit and return visit to and from His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

15 The State enjoys according to the classification, the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd class State. In 40 out of 46 villages, the Thakor Saheb exercises the powers of a 3rd class Chief *i. e.* passes sentences upto 7 years' imprisonment and fine upto Rs. 10,000 in criminal matters and to hear Civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20000. In the 6 villages which are in Zilla limits, the Thakor Saheb enjoys full revenue jurisdiction, while the Civil and Criminal jurisdiction is exercised by the Zilla Courts.

THAKOR SAHEB & HIS FAMILY.

16. Thakor Saheb has received his education at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot, in the eighties. He has special liking for works of industry, but owing to financial difficulties since the great famine, much progress has not been made though a great portion of money has been spent under the head of public works.

PROGENY.

17. The Thakor Saheb has two sons and a daughter the latter was married to the Raj Saheb of Vankanar some 9 years ago and she is now the mother of the heir apparent of Vankaner.

Of the two sons, the heir apparent Kumar Shri Ghambhirsinhji is now 25 years of age. He has taken his education for 5 years at the Harrow School in England and also completed the course of instruction at Dehra Dun. The second son Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji is studying at the Girasia School, Wadhwan, is aged 19. He has an infant son a year old.

18. On account of some misunderstandings and unfortunate quarrel, the eldest son and the mother of the Chief had left Vala and the mother went to reside in Dared, the village granted to the Thakor Saheb's late brother Kumar Shri Akherajji. Kumar Shri Ghambhirsinhji resided at several places and lately at Rajkot. Thanks to the advice and good offices of Captain Meek Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, and the Agent to the Governor, a reconciliation has been effected and the Thakor Saheb invited his mother and the heir apparent to come and live in the Darbargadh. Better counsel prevailed and both came to reside in Vala since 27th March 1914 among the rejoicings of the people who long wished that the lady and the heir apparent should return to Vala. For several days, men and women used to come to the Darbargadh to pay their homage to the old lady whom they wished to see in the Darbar palace during her old age, and the lady freely conversed with several people whom she knew Thus, once again the family is united. Kumar Shri Ghambhirsinhji is very frank and knows all about the State. He regularly attends the Hazur Office with the Thakor Saheb for the despatch of office work in which he takes delight and frankly expresses his opinion. It is a high time that he should receive administrative training, as in future he will be called upon to discharge a heavy responsibility. It is our anxiety that the State should attain its former prosperity and the administration should be on proper footing and pace with the time; of course it will take some time to clear off the debt which is heavy. The Thakor Saheb had two Ranis. His 2nd Rani Saheb Kotdavala died 22 years ago and the Mengnivala Rani Saheb died 19 years ago. The Thakor Saheb has since not remarried.

HISTORY OF THE STATE.

19. The history of the State is given in para 27 and 28 of the last year's report and it is not necessary to repeat it here.

VISIT OF OFFICERS &C.

20. Captain A. S. Meek, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, visited Vala from the 2nd to 7th and encamped at Dared from 8th to 10th January 1914. This is the second time that the Political Agent encamped in the Bhayati village; the object was to bring about reconciliation and to request the mother of the Chief to return to Vala. His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda paid a flying visit

to Vala on 10th January 1914. The Raj Saheb of Vankaner with Rani Saheb and children visited Dared and stayed there for some days in February 1914.

ALIENATION AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES.

21. Some old boundary disputes with Baroda remain unsettled since a long time.

RELATION WITH BHAYATS.

22. The relation with almost all Bhayats was very much strained and they continued to pour in petitions and gave trouble to the Agency Facility for fighting out their claims has been afforded to them and in course of time bitterness will subside and everything will be in order.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.

REVENUE YEAR.

23. The revenue year commenced on Kartak Sud 1st corresponding to 30th October 1912, and ended on 29th October 1913. The land produce which this report represents is therefore of Samvat year 1969 and the revenue and expenses are for that year.

RAINFALL.

24. The rainfall during the year under report was 25 inches 23 cents as against 34 inches 20 cents in the previous year. It was heavy in June 1913 being 11 inches 43 cents.

NATURE OF LAND.

25. The country is flat. The soil is partly black sandy and partly alluvial clay. The land in this State is divided into two main divisions namely Eastern and Western. The Eastern Division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat and other corn are grown without irrigation; sweet water is not available. Thus, this division entirely dependent upon good fall of rain. This soil is very agreeable to wheat and cotton. The soil of the Western division is black and their is water in the wells. Such being the case, both unirrigated and irrigated crops are produced in this division.

WATER SUPPLY.

26. There is generally scarcity of water for drinking purposes in the Eastern division of this State. There are tanks in villages which supply water during the greater part of the year but all depends on good monsoon.

WATER WORKS AT VALA.

27. There was a small pump for drawing water from the garden well in the town of Vala which was worked at moderate cost, but the capacity for drawing water was not considered sufficient. This was replaced by an engine whose capacity is great but the cost of the working is very great. It consumes about

a ton of firewood per diem. but much more power is wasted. It is under consideration to erect two tanks for storage of water so that the engine might be made to work 10 days in a month to save fuel. The initial cost of the tank will not be much in comparison to the heavy monthly cost of working this engine. Fuel is scare and for the sake of this engine, it is not advisable to cut down trees and make villages and roadside devoid of trees.

AGRICULTURAL CONDITION.

28. The condition of agricultural stock and of the people is good this year. There is a large Tacavi outstandings about over a lac of rupees, but these outstandings are of long standing. Since $\frac{St\ 1956}{1900}$ most of the cultivators have left or are dead and a major portion will have to be written off in order to show what approximate amount will be recoverable Steps are being taken for the recovery bearing in mind, the condition of the cultivators.

CROPS.

29. Cotton, Juwar, Wheat, Bajri, Grass, Til, and Pulse are the chief produce

LAND REVENUE.

30. The land revenue during the revenue year was Rs. 114194-1-0 *i. e* upto the end of October 1913.

STORAGE OF FODDER,

31. From the experience of several bad years it has been considered that storage of hay would be very useful in times of scarcity for the protection of cattle. It has been ordered that after the usual consumption of grass from the State Bids, the balance should be stacked and not sold. This year we have 24 lacs of bundles stacked in two hay stacks one at Vala and the other at Chhaya with proper arrangement for the safe preservation and the Vahivatdars have been ordered to report before and after the monsoon about the general condition of these Ganjis This practice will continue and we shall have a very large quantity of grass in a few years.

CHAPTER III.

PROTECTION.

LEGISLATION.

32 The State has adopted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal Laws in all the Court and in minor matter such as registration and the like, the State has enacted its own rules.

MILITARY.

33. There is no Military force in the State.

POLICE.

34. The Police consists of two Fouzdars 13 mounted Police and 50 foot Police but there are several vacancies and at present there are 11 mounted and 21 foot Police. In the foot

Police, there are 29 vacancies and good men are not available. There are village Police numbering 144 The regular Police are armed with muzzle loading guns and the irregulars have swords. The ratio of the Police to the population is about 1 per 100.

WORKING OF THE POLICE.

35. The total number of offences reported during the year under report is 111 as against 90 of the last year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 105 as against 88 of the last year. Out of 105 accused sent for trial, 32 were convicted and 65 were discharged or acquitted and 8 were awaiting trial; thus giving a per-centage of 30·3 as against 46·6 in the past year.

STOLEN PROPERTY.

36. The value of the property stolen was 558-7-1 as against 1567-13·9 in the past year. The property recovered during the year under report was 238·9-9 as against Rs. 386-5-9. Thus giving a percentage of 42 6 as against 24 6 in the past year.

WORKING OF THE POLICE.

37 The police officials are warned as to the working of the Police. They were at a disadvantage owing to shortness of men.

CRIMES.

38. Appendix VII gives all details of the number and nature of the crimes and punishment inflicted. There was no robbery, dacoity, murder or any serious offence during the year under report.

CIVIL & CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

39. There are two courts for the Civil and Criminal justice viz. Deputy Nyayadhish and Nyayadhish. The Hazur Court is the final appellate Court. Appendix VIII deals with the number of offences reported. The total number 111 as against 92 of the past year Of these 32 were convicted, 36 acquitted and 29 discharged and 8 awaiting trial.

CRIMINAL APPEALS,

40 There were only 3 appeals against the Deputy Nyayadhish's Court (Appendix IX) in which the sentence in one was confirmed, one was modified and one was reversed.

CIVIL SUITS.

41. The number of Civil Courts has remained the same as in the last year. Appendix X shows that 126 Civil Suits of an aggregate value of Rs 11394 were filed during the year under report. There was a balance of 5 suits making a total of 131. Out of which 119 suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 6138/-- were disposed of leaving 12 suits in arrears. The average duration was 3 days.

EXECUTION OF DEGREES.

42. Appendix XI shows that 512 applications for execution of the decrees of an aggregate value of Rs 72671 were on the file during year of which 303 of an aggregate value of Rs. 57594/— were disposed of, 209 remained undisposed of.

43 5 appeals were filed in the Nyayadhish's Court all of which were
CIVIL APPEALS. disposed of in which decisions in 2 were confirmed and in 2 were reversed and 1 was compromised The Hazur Court had one appeal of last year and one was admitted during the year of which one was disposed of leaving one in arrears. Appendix XII gives all details

EXTRADITION. 44. The demand for extradition was usual and calls for no remarks.

45. There is a Jail at Vala and a Lock up at Loliana. The guard
PRISONS. duty is done by the Regular Police. As the number of prisoners is very low, there are no warders.

46. There were 2 prisoners at the close of the last year and 16 were admitted during the year. All were released during the year under report.

47 The total cost of provisioning prisoners was Rs 150-9-2.

48. There was no death in the Jail.

49. Appendix XIV shows that 18 documents of an aggregate value
REGISTRATION. of Rs. 4044 were registered and 2 were refused The amount of fee realized was Rs 45-12-0

50. The State maintains a small establishment to look after the sani-
MUNICIPALITY. tation, lighting, watering and conservancy of the town of Vala. The receipt during the year amounted to Rs. 4475 and the expenditure was Rs. 6342 The deficit is made up by the State. (Appendix XVI.).

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

WEATHER AND CROPS. 51. The revenue year commenced on Kartak Sud 1st Samvat 1969 (30th October 1912). The crop was good.

52. The following table shows the comparative areas of different crops.

Serial No.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation last year. Acres.	Areas under cultivation present year. Acres.
1	Cotton. ..	8550	18659
2	Juwari. ...	14268	11894
3	Wheat. ...	7120	4740
4	Bajri. ...	1217	1293
5	Til ..	2414	679
6	Gram. ...	264	114
7	Miscellaneous. ...	150	125
8	Sugarcane. ..	8	36
		33991	37540

53 The rainfall during the year under report was 25 inches 25 cents,

RAINFALL. but the crops were of the rainfall of the past year viz, 34 inches 20 cents. The average rainfall of the past five years is 21 inches 18 cents.

OUTTURN. 54 The outturn was good. Cotton was produced in good quantity.

WAGES & PRICES OF GRAIN. 55 The wages of laboures are low. The prices of food grains were high. Appendix XVIII gives details.

FOREST. 56. The country is flat and there is no forest.

57 There are Mango, Jambu and Gunda trees in Zilla villages of

TREES. Kamlej and Undvi. The Vahivatdar is warned to give attention to these plantations.

58. The roadside trees are reared at some cost and great care is taken for their growth. They are watered from the garden well.

59. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention. The

TRADE AND MANUFACTURE. trade is of different sort of grain and cotton The value of export amounted to Rs. 329725-5-6 as against Rs. 195731 of the past year. The import amounted to Rs. 212750-9-7 as against Rs. 245248 in the last year. These are generally in piece goods, timber, rice, sugar spices &c.

There are no manufactory of any sort in Vala State The state has its own workshop for its own use and it turns out very good furniture, carriages and other articles.

GINNING FACTORY. 60. There is only one Ginning Factory at Vala. It makes a goodp rogress and the State has given facilities.

61. Appendix XIX gives expenditure on public works. No original

PUBLIC WORKS. work for the State has been constructed. The expenditure was on repairs to road and to some buildings.

62. There is a combined Post and Telegraph office in Vala. In villages,

POSTOFFICE. the school Masters do the work of Post Office.

Mint. There is no mint.

AGRICULTURAL STOCK. 63. Appendix XX gives the details of the agricultural stock.

EXCISE. 64 The total revenue in excise was Rs 383.

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

65 The gross income of Samvat 1969 was Rs 168569-6-9 and expenditure Rs 167963-13-5 which left a closing balance of Rs. 605-9-4 on 1st November 1913. On that day there was Government loan debt of Rs. 178235/- and also there was a large amount of other debts aggregating about 3 lacs. The State has paid in March last the first instalment of Government loan with interest and all dues in Government. Measures are being taken to minimize the difficulty.

66 The labourers get 3 annas a day and a large number of artizans and labourers constantly find work in the State Public Works &c.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS

67. There is a dispensary in Vala which remained in charge of Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistri L. M. & S during the whole year. This Medical officer is very popular and people take advantage of the dispensary freely. On account of his mild nature people at any time seek his assistance which he cheerfully gives.

68. The new Hospital still remains as it is for want of funds.

69. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 17 out-door and 6940 in door patients, total 6957 as against 7985 in the previous year.

70. The total expenditure of the Dispensary was Rs. 3505 as against Rs. 3592 in the previous year.

71 The vaccination Department was managed and supervised by the
VACCINATION. Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State pays towards the expenses of the Vaccinators &c. The total number of children vaccinated was 231 boys and 237 girls making a total of 468 as against 477 in the previous year.

72. There were 360 births as against 351 in the previous year. The
BIRTHS. ratio being 27·7 per 1000 of population.

73. The number of deaths registered was 269 as against 588 last year,
DEATHS. the ratio per 1000 of population being 20·7.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

74. There are 9 Schools in the State.

SCHOOLS.

1. Middle School teaching upto 4th Standard.
7. Primary Boys' Schools.
1. Girls School.

The middle School is managed by the State. It is under consideration to place it under the Educational officer, Kathiawar, for proper supervision.

75. During the year under report the number of pupils was 441 as against 458 last year. The average attendance was 352 as against 339 last year. This shows a fair increase in the number of attendance.

76. The total expenditure of all the Schools was Rs. 4227, as against Rs. 2357 last year as per appendix XXV. The amount contains portion of expenditure of last year and hence the increase.

CHAPTER VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PRINTING PRESS. 77. There is no Printing Press in the State.

78. There is a Library in Vala and the Thakor Saheb has also

LIBRARY. a large collection of useful books. He gets daily and weekly papers, magazines &c. which are sent to officials for reading and in the Library.

FIRE APPLIANCES 79. There is a fire engine with hoses.

80. There was no budget system in the State; but through the very kind and beneficial advice of Captain Meek, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, the Thakor Saheb has consented to introduce the budget system from Divali or 1st November next.

81. The Thakor Saheb was supervising all departments and all officials

CONCLUSION. were working according to his instructions.

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APPENDIX I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State showing changes in personnel during the year 1913-14.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	Mr. Krishnalal Keshavlal Trivedi	Karbhari.	1-4-1913	8-8-1913	
2	„ Ambalal Gandabhai Patel	„	9 8-13	14-1-1914	Acting.
3	„ Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired D. A. P. A....	„	15-1-14	31-3-14	

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
				No special laws of the State but the British laws in their general spirit are adapted.

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State for the year 1913-14.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowance of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	*Casualties.*			At the end of the current year.	Number of regiments Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	*Number of men.*					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged. deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry. ...														
Sappers. ...														
Artillery. ...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Infantry. ...														
Imperial Service Troops														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police force of the Vala State for the year 1913-14.

Description of Police	Number.	Pay of Grade	Total cost. (monthly)	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished [Judicially]	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number. under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jamadar. ..	1	35	35	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
Havaldar. ...	2	15	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
do ...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	
Full Naik. ...	3	12	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Bugler. ...	1	12	12	...	...	..	1	...	1	...	
First class Constable. ...	13	9	117	...	...	...	3	..	1	...	
Second class „ ..	13	8	104	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Third class „ ..	7	7	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fourth class „ ..	4	6	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fifth class „ ...	2	5	10	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Total..	50		457				5		5		

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APPENDIX V

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

No	State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions(columns 4 and 5		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial		Remarks
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Vala.	90	111	88	105	88	105	42	32	37	65	46·6	30·3	46·6	30·3	

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APPENDIX VI

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Vala State during the year 1913–14.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	1912–13	1913–14	1912–13	1913–14	1912–13	1913–14	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	1567-13-9	558-7-1	386-5-9	238-9-9	24·6	42·6	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State Courts during the year 1913-14

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during the past year	Number of cases disposed of during the present year.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged	Number of persons confined being insane.	Number of persons died during or before trial	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks
	Balance from the past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 to 12 months	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...																											
Theft.	5	52	57																											
Enticing a married woman.	...	2	2																											
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	...	...																											
Simple hurt.	1	29	30																											
House breaking.	...	3	3	62	56	105	32	..	5	...	6	21	...	32	65	...	...	6	2	2	1	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	8	
Attempt to commit suicide.	...	...	...																											
Adultery.	...	2	2																											
Rape	...	...	...																											
Possessing false weight.	...	...	...																											
Crimes against coinage rules	..	...	...																											
Miscellaneous.	...	23	23																											
Total ..	6	111	117	62	56	105	32		5	...	6	21	...	32	65	...	...	6	2	2	1	...	..		.	..	...	...	8	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

No.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.						Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year	*Brought to trial in 1913-14.*					*Total.*									
		1912-13	1913-14		Arrested by police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate	1912-13	1913-14	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died escaped or transferred.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		18	19
1	Nyayadhish Court	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	2	...	...		...	§ 6 on bail 2 Processes not served.
2	Deputy Court	90	111	6	40	5	54	...	...	~~80~~	105	29	36	32	...	...		§8	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

State.	Tribunal.	Number of applications.	Number of Persons and cases																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.*						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed		Modified.		Reversed.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Vala.	Nyayadhis Court	3	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur Court.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	

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APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work-nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance		Suits filed during the present year.								Suits disposed of during present year						Remarks.
		1912-13	1913-14	1912-13	1913-14	1912-13	1913-14	1912-13	1913-14	1912-13	1913-14	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction	Suits for other rights	Number of suits under Rs 100	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs 500	Number of suits above Rs 500 and under Rs 1,000	Number of suits above Rs 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs 5,000	*Exparte.*	Admitted and compromised	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
1	Vala.	5	5	58	126	63	131	58	119	5	12	Rs. 11394	1	~~121~~	3	115	10	..	...	...	19	71	2	27	Rs 6138	M. days ... 3	

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APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work-Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts in the Vala State during the year 1913-14

No	Tribunals.	Opening Balance of applications.		Value of applications pending at the close of 1913-14.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of			Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year	Present year.	Value	Past year.	Present year.	Value	Past year.	Present year.	Value	Past year.	Present year	Value	Within 6 months	Within 12 months	Above 1 year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	1	1	550-4 11	1	1	550 4-11	1	1	550-4 -11	...	.	...	...	...	...	
2	Deputy Court. ..	31	92	8657	348	419	63464	378	511	72121	286	302	57044	92	209	15077	82	100	27	
	Total .	31	92	8657	349	420	64014 4-11	379	512	72671-4-11	287	303	57594-4-11	92	209	15077	82	100	27	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work-Number and results of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State, during the year 1913-14.

Tribunal.	Opening balance		Filed during the year.		Total		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance		Value of appeals filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for retrial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Nyayadhish Court	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	5	...	...	..	231-14-0	...	2	...	2	.	...	...	...	...	1	...	days. 4	
Hazur Court	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	75	25	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	days. 3	days. 21	
Total...	1	1	1	6	2	7	1	6	1	1	75	256-14-0	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1			

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State, during the year 1913-14

Stations.	No. of prisons	Number of prisoners.				Daily Average.		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year	Total cost of Jail and prisoners	Average period of accused under trial	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				1912-13	1913-14	1912-13	1913-14				
										Days.	
Vala.	1	2	16	16	18	1·52	2	...	Rs. *150-9-2	18 6	No death occurred during the year *cost of guards not included.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of registration of documents in the Vala State, during the year 1913-14

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous										
	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	18	20	10	11	7	6	1	...	...	2	1	1	16	18	8692-0-0	4014-0-0	3	2	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Vala State during the year 1913-14

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks
	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds.	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized Rs	As.	P.	
Mortgage with possession	7	4479	0	0	21	4	0	9	3058	0	0	22	12	0	
Simple mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sale	7	1485	0	0	17	8	0	6	688	0	0	15	8	0	
Unfructuary mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wills	1	503	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Money bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	298	0	0	5	0	0	
Miscellaneous	1	2225	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	0	
Total. ...	16	8692	0	0	46	4	0	18	4044	0	0	45	12	0	
Expenditure. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total. ..	16	8692	0	0	46	4	0	18	4044	0	0	45	12	0	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipt and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April. 1913	Receipts during the year		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past year.	Presentyear		Past year.	Presentyear		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Vala.	0-0-0	Rs. 4679	4475-15 0	4475-15 0	11425-0 0	6342-0 4	0-0-0	The deficiency is paid up by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII

Statement showing the rain fall in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

State	April 1913		May 1913		June 1913		July 1913		August 1913		September 1913		October 1913		November 1913		December 1913		January 1914		February 1914		March 1914		Total		Total of past year		Average of past 5 years		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents	Inches	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	
Vala.	...	...	.	...	11	43	5	11	3	3	1	5	38	.	...		.	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	.	25	23	34	20	21	18	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to price of staple food grains, in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year) Bengali.			During March (present year) Bengali			Remarks.
		M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
1	Wheat.	...	12	...	..	11	10	Per one Rupee.
2	Bajri....	...	10	...	...	9	30	
3	Juwar.	...	13	20	...	13	...	
4	Gram.	...	13	...	...	10	20	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing Expenditure of Public Works carried out in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

Description of Works.	State funds			Local funds.			Total.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
City road repairs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Rs.	Rs.					Rs	
District road repairs.	297	297	...	...	...	...	297	
Construction and repairs to Darbari buildings.	15259	15259	...	...	...	...	15259	
Total...	15556	15556	...	...	...	...	15556	

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares	Colts and Fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With 2 bullocks	With 4 bullocks	Riding.	Load carrying	
				Male.	Female										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	1913-14	2890	1089	822	1178	28	119	40	139	6528	1159	253	24	551	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue in the Vala State during the year 1913–14.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy		Total.		Remarks
	No. of shops.	Revenue	No. of shops	Revenue.	No of shops	Revenue.	No. of shops	Revenue	No of shops.	Revenue.	
Vala.	3	Rs. 131	3	Rs 221	1	Rs 31	...	...	7	Rs. 383	

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APPENDIX XXII.

Statement showing receipts and Charges of the Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1913.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
Opening balance.	5494-0-0	A. Tribute.	14531-4-6
A. Land Revenues	114194-1-0	A. Refunds.	0-0-0
		C. Administration	28519-2-5
B. Forest.	0-0-0	D. Education.	4226-14-2
C. Excise.	1560-11-6	3211-0-0 Vernacular schools	
(Salt Opium Abkari Ganja		1015-14-2 English school	
&c.)		4226-14-2	
D. Stamp.	147-3-0	E. Dispensary	3504-13-11
E. Law and Justice. ..	2757-2 2	F. Domestic charges, ordinary including servants ...	58900-14-2
F. Miscellaneous.	44416-5-1	27194-15-0 Domestic ordinary	
5198-7-3 Municipality....		6019-13-1 Miscellaneous.	
		24290-6-11 Stables.	
39217-13-10 Other Miscellaneous.		1395-11-2 Education of Kumars	
44416-5-1		58900-14-2	
		G. Dharmada expenses	5295-5-4
Total A. to F....	168569-6 9	H. Public works	22446-1-0
		17540-0-0 Work-shop	
G. Debt including loans. ... as under		4906-1-0 Public works	
(The State has to pay Government Loan Debt of Rs ..		22446-1-0	
178235-0-0		I. Stamp Department ...	0-0-0
and private debt		J. Pension...	63 0-0
of Rs. ... ...300000/-)		K. Provisioning prisoners ..	150-9-2
		L. Agency Fala	1989 11-0
Grand Total...	168569-6 9	M. Vahivati expenses ..	3113-15-1
		N. Purchase of land ..	5546-0-9
		O. Kamlej Van	2243-11-6
		P. Hadmatia Van	230-8-2
		Q. Vala garden	5431-12-5
		R. Miscellaneous	6438-1-7
		S. Conservancy	5332-1-3
		Total A to S	167963-13-5
		Closing balance	605-9-4
			168569-6-9

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of In-door patients.				Expenditure	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented.	Died	Remaining under treatment.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Vala.	6940	17	17	0	0	0	3504-13-11	72	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1913-14.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths.		
		Past year.	Present year			Past year	Present year			Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vala.	13011	351	360	9	...	588	269	...	319	24	27·7	45·2	20.7	These figures do not include statistic of 6 zilla villages

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Vala State during the year 1913-14.

Number of Schools		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total	Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	High School	Secondary.	Primary.		
1	1	Middle School.	33	27	21	26	...	1015-14-2			
7	7	Primary Boys School.	345	336	272	267	...	...	32 1-0-0		
1	1	Primary Girls School.	80	84	46	59	...	...			

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

VALA State.

For the year 1914--15.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL and POLITICAL.

Status and Situation

1, Vala is a 3rd Class State in Kathiawar with an area of 190·3 Sq. miles. It is bounded on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limits and the villages under the Baroda State

2. Vala the capital town of the State is situated on the river Ghelo and occupies the site of the famous historical Valbhipur Patan, about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songadh Civil Station the head quarters of the Gohilwad Prant and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar Railway which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good road with culverts all along except at one place at Umrala about 6 miles from Vala under the limits of the Bhavnagar State. Here the Kalubhar a very large river passes. The heavy flood in the monsoon season stops the traffic till the flood subsides. If His Highness the Maharajah of Bhavnagar is pleased to take up the matter and make some arrangement of bridging the river, it will be a great blessing to the public in general. Also at the boundary of the village of Umrala under Bhavnagar, and Rampur under Vala, there was a channel before, by which the water coming from the Kalubhar river and both sides of the main road used to find passage but since it has been closed by the Bhavnagar State some years ago, the village of Rampur is in fear of devastation when there is heavy rain or flood. At a friendly intercession of the Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, it was agreed between the two States, that, should the

present bundh operate injuriously by flooding the neighbouring fields, Mr. Pattani the then Divan of the Bhavnagar State undertook on behalf of that State to construct a causeway for the passage of the water. This arrangement was made in September 1908 but nothing has yet been done. A correspondence with the Bhavnagar State is going on and this State trusts that His Highness the Maharajah of Bhavnagar in order to preserve cordial relation, will be pleased to fulfil the undertaking as the closing up of the passage is very injurious to the village of Rampur during the rains.

Villages

3. The State comprises in all 46 villages, of which 40 are Khalsa villages and 6 are under British Jurisdiction. In these six villages the State enjoys revenue rights only, the civil and criminal jurisdiction being exercised by the Officers of Gogo Mahal.

Population

4. According to the Census of 1911 A. D. the population of the State is 13011 souls (6731 males and 6280 females). The population of the town of Vala is 3989 souls (2021 males and 1968 females).

Country

5. The country is flat and the soil partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers

6. Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar are the principal rivers in the State but there is no water in any of them except during the monsoon.

Grass Bids

7. There are in all 5 bids in the State:— 2 at Vala, 1 at Moti Dharai, 1 at Nasitpur and 1 at Chada.

Forests

8. There is no forest in the State ; but there is a good plantation of Mango, Gunda and Jambu trees in Kamlej and Undvi and other villages under Gogo jurisdiction as detailed below:—

SWANG (exclusive)

Mango trees	2477
Jambu trees	164
Gunda trees	284
	2925

JOINT.

Mango trees	351
Jambu trees	22
Gunda trees	70
	443

9. The expenditure on this plantation during the year under report was Rs. 3525 as against 2243 during the past year while the receipts amounted to Rs. 7600 as against Rs. 2815.

Revenue

10. The gross revenue based on an average of the past five years is Rs. 1,68,095.

Harmony of Religion

11. The population of the State chiefly consists of Hindus and very few Mahomedans but it is gratifying to note that there has never been a case of ill-feeling or disturbance between the two communities during the Hindu or Mahomedan holidays.

Railway

12. As has been reported in para 11 of the last year's report, the construction of a tramway or a light Railway between Dhola and Vala, is a crying necessity and His Highness the Maharajah Saheb of Bhavnagar will surely be pleased to take the matter into his kind consideration if the Agency would be pleased to bring the necessity to His Highness' notice.

Sanitary condition

13. The sanitary condition of the people and cattle was satisfactory throughout the year. There was no epidemic. The prevailing diseases were beliousness, fever, cough, diarrhoæ &c. There was no sort of sickness among the cattle except small-pox in a light form appeared among the cattle in the latter part of the year.

Water-supply

14. There is a general scarcity of water for drinking purposes.

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Tribute

15. The State pays Rs. 13292-0-6 to the British Government as under:—

Rs. 6854-0-0 for Gaekwar Peshkashi.
„ 2348-0-0 „ Junagadh Zortalbi.
„ 4090-0-6 Jamabandhi for Zilla villages.

Political Status

16. The State is a 3rd class State under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakore Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil is entitled to the official visit and return visit to and from His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction

17. According to the classification, this State enjoys the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd class State. In 40 out of 46 villages, the State exercises the powers of a 3rd class State i. e. passes sentences up to 7 years' rigorous imprisonment and fine up to Rs. 10000/—in criminal matters and hears civil suits up to the value of Rs.

20000/- In the remaining 6 villages which are in Zilla limits the Chief enjoys full revenue jurisdiction, the civil and criminal jurisdiction being exercised by the Zilla Courts.

The Chief and his Family

18. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot, in the eighties. Owing to financial and family troubles he became very indifferent and has gone on a pilgrimage and for the benefit of his health since November 16, 1914, giving all powers to his Kamdar.

Progeny

19. The Chief has two sons and a daughter; the latter has been married to the Raj Saheb of Yankaner and is now the mother of the Heir Apparent of Vankaner. Of the two sons, the Heir Apparent Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji, is now 25 years of age. He has taken his education in England at the Harrow School and also has completed the course of instruction at Dehradun. The second son Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji is 19 years old, has completed his course at the Girasia School Wadhwan but failed twice to pass the School Final Examination. It is intended to send the Kumar Shri to the Police Training School at Nasik for Police Training. He has an infant son named Kanaksinhji and a 2nd son is lately born.

20. Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji is now associated with the Nyayadhish with a view to his getting knowledge and experience in criminal matters. When he is found to work independently he will be invested with the powers of a 3rd Class Magistrate.

History of the State

21. The history of the State is given in a previous report of the State and it is not considered necessary to repeat it here.

Visit of Officers etc

22. J. Sladen, Esqr., B. A., I. C. S., Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar, visited Vala and encamped there on the 4th and left it on the evening of 7th December 1914. The visit of the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar, was after a very long time at about 20 years interval. This was a great honour to the State that the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar, visited Vala. W. P. Cowie, Esqr., B. A., I. C. S, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, arrived at Vala on the 5th and left it on the 13th March 1915.

Alienation and Boundary disputes

23. The boundary disputes referred to in para 21 of the last year's report have been verified by the surveyors of both States and the disputes have been settled on 21st April 1915 by a Commission consisting of the Assistant Sar

Suba Boundary Branch of Baroda and the Kamdar of this State. Thus the old disputes have happily ended satisfactorily to both States.

Relation with Bhayats

24. The relation with all the Bhayats was very much strained since long and they continued to pour in petitions and gave trouble to the Agency. This matter was reported in para 22 of the last year's Annual Report. All sorts of facilities for fighting out their huks (rights) were afforded to them. At one time the bitterness was at a very high pitch. Happily by reconciliatory measures they themselves approached to the Kamdar and their pleader showed willingness to come to an amicable settlement, at the same time withdrawing their claims to many huks which they had made. They were heard for three days and amicable settlements were made with them on 21st April 1915. They have informed the Agency accordingly. Thus their long standing complaints and grievances have been satisfactorily settled and they are saved of a lot of expenses of fighting out their claims.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATON OF LAND.

Revenue year

25. The revenue year of the State began on Kartak Sud 1st corresponding to 29th October 1913 and ended on 19th October 1914. The land produce which this report represents is therefore of Samvat year 1970 and the revenue and expenditure are for that year.

Rainfall

26. The rainfall during the year under report was 22 inches 92 cents as against 25 inches 23 cents in the previous year. The fall was heavy in June, July and September. Only one inch and 27 cents were registered in August.

Nature of land

27. The land of this State is divided into two main divisions–Eastern and Western. The former is an alluvial half known as Bhal where wheat is grown without any irrigation. The latter half is ordinary black soil, where irrigation is done by wel's. Sweet water is not available in the former, thus that division is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain.

Water supply

28. There is generally scarcity of water for drinking purposes in the Eastern division of this State. There are tanks which supply water during the greater part of the year but all depends on good fall of rain.

29. New iron tanks were made and put up on masonry pillars. The tanks contain water for two days' supply. The cost of the erection of the iron tanks amounted to Rs. 1158/-.

Water-works at Vala

30. The condition of the agricultural stock and of the people was satisfactory throughout the year under report. There is a large amount of outstanding on account of Taccavi but it is a mere book entry. A major portion will have to be written off as most of the cultivators have left or are dead since the great famine of 1900-01. Recovery of the remaining portion is being effected gradually bearing in mind the condition of the cultivators.

Agricultural condition

31. The Chief produce are cotton, Juwar, Wheat, Bajri, grass, Til and pulse.

Crops

32. The land revenue during the revenue year was Rs. 1,81,433 i. e. up to the end of October 1914.

Land Revenue

33. As a precaution against scarcity of fodder it has been ordered that all surplus grass from the State bids should be stacked and not sold. This year we have stacked about 1500000 lacs bundles of glass at Vala and Chhaya with proper arrangement for the safe preservation and the Vahivatdars have standing orders to report before and after the monsoon about the general condition of these hay stacks.

Storage of fodder

CHAPTER III

PROTECTION.

34. The State has adopted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal laws in all the Courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like the State follows its own rules.

Legislation

35. There is no Military force in the State.

Military

36. The police consists of one Fouzdar. Formerly there were 20 mounted and 50 foot police but at present there are 11 mounted and 31 foot police which force is considered to be sufficient for our requirements at present.

Police

37. The total number of offences reported during the year under

Working of the Police

report is 109 as against 111 of the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 93 as against 105 of the previous year. Out of 93 brought to trial 23 were convicted, 70 acquitted or discharged, thus giving a percentage of 24·7 as against 30·5 in the previous year.

Stolen property

38. The value of the property stolen was 401–7–4 as against 558-7-1 in the previous year. The property recovered during the year under report was 142–4–3 against 238–9–9, thus giving a percentage of 35.43 as against 42·6 in the past year.

Crimes

39. Appendix VII gives all details of the number and nature of the crimes and punishment inflicted. There was no serious offence during the year under report.

Civil & Criminal justice

40. There are two Courts for the Civil and Criminal justice viz. Nyayadhish and the Sar Nyayadhish. The Hazur Court is the final Appellate Court. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported. (Formerly the designations were Deputy Nyayadhish and Nyayadhish but in order to make uniformity with other States and to avoid confusion the designations were changed.) The total number is 109 as against 111 of the past year. These 109 comprised 93 persons of whom 23 were convicted, 48 acquitted and 22 discharged without trial, as against 32, 36 and 29 respectively in the last year.

Criminal appeals

41. There were only 2 appeals against the Nyayadhish Court (Appendix IX) and the sentences in both of them were reversed.

Civil suits

42. The number of civil suits filed during the year was 95 of an aggregate value of Rs. 8998/. (Appendix X). There was a balance of 12 suits making a total of 107. Out of these 107, 100 suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 7304/- were disposed of during the year leaving 7 suits in arrears. The average duration was 26 days.

Execution of decrees

43. In all 540 applications for execution of the decrees of an aggregate value of Rs. 63101 were on the file during the year, of which 342 of an aggregate value of Rs. 26699

were disposed of leaving a balance of 198 undisposed of at the end of the year (Appendix XI).

Civil appeals

44. During the year 6 appeals were filed in the Sar Nyayadhish Court, all of which were disposed of, in which decision in 1 was confirmed, in 1 reversed, 3 were compromised and one remanded. The Hazur Court had already one on file of the last year and two were admitted during the year under report making a total of three. All the three were disposed of during the year under report. (Appendix XII).

Extradition

45. The demand for extradition was usual and calls for no special remarks.

Prisons

46. There is only one Jail in the State and that is at Vala. There is a lock-up at Loliana. The guard duty at the Vala Jail is done by the regular police. There were 18 prisoners in the Jail during the year, of whom 16 were released and 2 remained at the end of the year. The total cost of maintenance of prisoners amounted to Rs. 70-12-8. There was no death in the Jail during the year under report.

Registration

47. During the year under report 21 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 6966/- were registered (Appendix XIV). The amount of fee realised was Rs. 61-12-0 (Appendix XV).

Municipality

48. The State maintains a small establishment to look after the sanitation, lighting, watering and conservancy of the town of Vala. The receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 5474 and the expenditure was Rs. 7376. The deficit is made up by the State (Appendix XVI].

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION.

Weather and Crops

49. The revenue year under report was Samvat year 1970 and was a good one. The rain had a good beginning and continued in a distributed form As a consequence the crop was good.

50. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops during the present as well as the past year.

Serial number	Crops.	Areas under cultivation last year.	Areas under cultivation present year.
1	Cotton	18659	15166
2	Juwari	11894	14300
3	Wheat	4740	4646
4	Bajri	1293	558
5	Til	679	1595
6	Gram	114	147
7	miscellaneous	125	125
8	Sugarcane	36	20
		37540	36559

All possible efforts are being made to improve the cultivation and the needy are supplied with seeds, bullocks etc.,

Rainfall

51. The rainfall during the year under report was 22 inches 92 cents but the crops were of the rainfall of the previous year viz. 25 inches 23 cents. The average rainfall of the past five years is 22 inches 3 cents.

Outturn

52. Viewing generally, the outtern was good. The produce of cotton headed the list.

Wages and prices of grain

53. The wages of labours throughout the year were rather higher than those prevailed during the preceding year. There was, however, marked fluctuation during the harvest season.

The prices of staple food grains were also high. (Appendix XVIII).

Forest

54. There is no forest but there are fruit trees such as mango, Jambu, gunda trees in Zilla villages.

Trees

55. The road side trees are being reared at some cost and great care is taken for their growth. They are watered from the garden well.

Trade and Manufacture

56. In the State there are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention. The chief items of trade are cotton, wheat and Juwari. The value of export amounted to Rs. 248861 as against Rs. 329725 in the preceding year. The import amounted to Rs. 260221 as against 212750 in the past year. These were generally in piece goods timber, rice, sugar, spices etc.

57. There is no manufactory of any sort in the State. The State maintains its own work-shop for its own use and it turns out very good furniture, carriages and other articles.

Ginning Factory

58. There is only one ginning factory at Vala belonging to Mr. Dinshah Bamanji of Bhavnagar. The State has ordered not to levy tax on removal of Kapas from the Khalawad; also has removed the restriction of bringing Kapas to the factory at Vala. Thus the bringing of Kapas to the ginning factory is made optional in order to give encouragement to free trade.

Public Works

59. Appendix XIX gives details of expenditure incurred on public works during the year. No original work was undertaken.

Post Office

60. There is a combined post and telegraph Office at Vala. In villages the school masters do the postal work.

61. Mint

There is no mint.

Agricultural Stock

62. Appendix XX gives the details of the agricultural stock.

Excise

63. There is a very limited use of liquor and opium in this part of the country. Ganja has a nominal use and tody is not used at all. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 248.

CHAPTER V

REVENUE & FINANCE.

64. The gross income of Samvat 1970 was Rs. 267119 and expenditure Rs. 260574 which left a closing balance of Rs. 6545 on 1st November 1914. On that day there was Government loan debt of Rs. 160515-12-0 including interest. The State is also indebted to a large amount of private debt aggregating about 3 lacs. The State has paid its annual loan instal-

ment of Rs. 25000/- plus Rs. 6183/- on account of interest, total Rs. 31183/- and all other Government and Agency dues. Also the Chief has paid Rs. 18760/- on account of private debt before the 1st instalment of Government loan was due.

CHAPTER VI

VITAL STATISTICS.

65. There is only one dispensary in the State and it is at Vala. Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistri L. M. & S. remained in charge throughout the year. This officer is very popular and people of the town and surrounding villages take advantage of the dispensary freely. The construction of the hospital building is taken in hand. Contract is given and the building will be ready in about 4 months.

66. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 7415 out-door and 3 in-door patients, total 7418 as against 6957 in the last year.

67. The total expenditure of the dispensary was Rs. 3264/- as against 3505/- in the preceding year.

68. The Vaccination Department was managed and supervised by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State pays towards the expenses of vaccinators etc.. The total number of children vaccinated was 249 boys and 237 girls making a total of 486 as against 468 in the previous year. There were two cases of re-vaccination also.

Vaccination

69. There were 505 births as against 360 in the past year, the ratio being 38.8 per 1000 of population.

Births

70. The number of deaths registered was 260 as against 259 of the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 20

Deaths

CHAPTER VII

EDUCATION.

71. There are 9 schools in the State:—

1	Middle school teaching upto 4th Standard
7	Primary boys' schools.
1	Girls' school.
9	

72. As was reported in the last year's report the Middle school has already been placed under the control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar, from 1st July 1914. The working of the school was bad and it is hoped that the Educational Officer, Kathiawar, will bring the school to its proper standard.

73. During the year under review the number of pupils was 464 as against 447 in the previous year. The average attendance was 338 as against 352 last year.

74. The total expenditure of all the schools was Rs. 3632/- as against 3011/- last year as per Appendix XXV.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS.

75 Printing Press — There is no printing press in the State.

Library — 76. There is a free library in Vala and the Chief has also a good stock of useful books in his own library. Daily and weekly papers, magazines etc., are sent to the library for reading.

77 Fire Appliances — There is a fire engine with hoses.

78. There was no budget system in the State; but through the kind and beneficial advice of the Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, the Chief consented to introduce the budget system from 1st November 1914. The first budget was prepared for the Samvat year 1971.

79. Except the Darbargadh almost all the houses in the town of Vala are Kutcha. The clay is saltish and therefore the houses require half yearly repairs. Some houses are built of puca bricks with clay mortar and chunam pointings. They also require repairs twice or thrice in a year. Thus many houses are in a tottered condition. Owing to certain judicious relaxation of the Municipal Rules about 150 new houses are now under construction though for some years no repairs were executed or houses were built owing to some cause or other. In about two years the town will be greatly enlarged.

Conclusion

80. During the year some of the old inefficient and suspicious officials were given leave and new men were introduced with a view to proper working of all offices. There was no system of working and all officials used to work according to the verbal instructions of the Chief without any regularity. The Hazur office, Audit, Police, Judicial, Revenue and the Treasury Departments have been re-organised and the working is going on fairly well.

Vala, 1st June 1915.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala.

APPENDIX I.

Names of high Officials in the Vala State showing changes in personnel during the year 1914–15.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green, Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Born 29-4-1856 Aged 58	Kamdar.	1-4-14	31-3-15	

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Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

No.	Description.	Whether adopted from British Indian Acts	Introduced during the year under report	Remarks
	...	...	...	No special Laws of the State. But the British laws in their general spirit are adopted.

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

Arm of service	Number of fighting officers and men						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and the allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks
	At the end of the last year.	Recruited this year.	*Casualties.*			At the end of the current year	Number of regiments Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns	*Number of men.*					
			Died	Invalided	Discharged deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non Commissioned officers.	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry ..														
Sappers ...														
Artillery ...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry ...														
Imperial Service Troops														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police Force in the Vala State for the year 1914-15.

No.	Description of Office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (yearly).	Punishments			Rewards		Education		Remarks.
					Dismissed	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished (Judicially)	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jamadar ..	1	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
2	Havaldar 1st grade ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	do 2nd „ ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4	Full Naik ..	2	12	24	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
5	Lance Naik ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
6	Bugler ...	1	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	First class Constable ...	3	9	27	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
8	Second class „ ...	4	8	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9	Third class „ ..	15	7	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10	Fourth class „ ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	
11	Fifth class „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	31	...	263	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	

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Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

No.	State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted		Number of accused acquitted or discharged		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5)		Percentage of convicted accused sent for trial		Remarks
		1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Vala.	111	×109	105	93	105	93	32	23	65	70	30·5	24·7	30·5	24·7	× Out of 8 persons awaiting trial last year 1 was convicted while the rest 7 were acquitted.

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APPENDIX VI

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala	558-7-1	401-7-4	238-9-9	142-4-3	42·6	35·43	

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Kamdar Vala State.

APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during the past year.	Number of cases disposed of during the present year.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being insane.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Capital punishment.	Persons Awaiting trial.	Remarks
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one Month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years	Transportation.			
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery	...	...	...																											
Theft	...	21	21																											
Enticing a married woman	1	3	4																											
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	...	...																											
Simple hurt	1	26	27																											
House breaking	...	3	3																											
Attempt to commit suicide	...	...	...	56	63	93	23	2	...	...	9	12	...	23	70	...	...	8	...	1	...	.	1	1	...	...	...	.	...	
Adultery	2	2	4																											
Rape	...	...	...																											
Grievous hurt	1	5	6																											
Crimes against coinage rules	...	..	...																											
Miscellaneous	3	41	44																											
Total...	8	101	109																											

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1914–15

No.	Name of Court	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1914–15.*					*Total.*		Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.		
		1913–14	1914–15		Arrested by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	1913–14	1914–15							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court.	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhis Court.	111	107	8	27	13	43	...	...	105	93	22	48	23	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1914-15.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of applications.	Number of Persons and cases.																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.*						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Vala.	Sir Nyayadhish.	2	...	..	...	..	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Vala State during the year 1914–15

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed durirg the present year.									Suits disposedof during present year.						Remarks.
		1913–14	1914–15	1913–14	1914–15	1913–14	1914–15	1913–14	1914–15	1913–14	1914–15	Value.	Suits re landed property.	Suits for money transaction	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs 100	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs 5,000	*Exparte.*	Admitted and compromised	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
																										M. Days	
1	Vala.	5	12	126	95	131	107	119	100	12	7	8998	1	86	8	75	17	1	2	...	26	21	4	49	7304	0–26	

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil work—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State during the year 1914–15.

No.	Tribunal.	Opening Balance of applications.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks.
		1913–14	1914–15		1913–14	1914–15	Value. for the present year.	1913–14	1914–15	Value. for the present year.	1913–14	1914–15	Value. for the present year.	1913–14	1914–15	Value. for the present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months	Above 12 months.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	92	209	15077	419	331	48031	511	540	63108	302	342	26699	209	198	36409	14	177	7	
	Total	92	209	15077	420	331	48031	512	540	63108	303	342	26699	209	198	36409	14	177	7	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work-Number and results of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year.		How disposed of.										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
																							Days.	M. D.	
Sir Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	5	6	5	6	5	6	...	.	231-14-0	831-8-0	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	4	3·7	*Excess in duration is due to the fact that one old case filed on 21-6-13 was disposed of during the year.
Hazur Court	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	...	25	25	1	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	1	21	*7·10	

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State, during the year 1914–15

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily Average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15				
										Days	
Vala	1	...	18	18	18	2	1·1	2	*70-12-8	23·6	No death occurred during the year. *Cost of guards not included.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds		Miscellaneous.										
	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala	20	25	11	11	6	7	...	...	2	4	1	3	18	21	4044	6966	2	...	...	4	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Registration in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of property Rs.	As.	P.	Fees realized Rs.	As.	P.	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	As.	P	Fees realized. Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgage with possession ...	9	3058	0	0	22	12	0	10	4007	0	0	27	4	0	
Simple mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sale	6	688	0	0	15	8	0	5	1249	0	0	12	8	0	
Unfructuary mortgage ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Money Bonds	2	298	0	0	5	0	0	3	1710	0	0	7	12	0	
Miscellaneous	1	0	0	0	2	8	0	3	0	0	0	14	4	0	
Total...	18	4044	0	0	45	12	0	21	6966	0	0	61	12	0	
Expenditure .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total...	18	4044	0	0	45	12	0	21	6966	0	0	61	12	0	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Vala State during the year 1914-15. (St. 1970.)

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st April 1914.	Receipts during the year		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March 1915.	Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year		Past year.	Present year		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Vala	...	4475-15-0	5474-5-1	5474-5-1	6342-0-4	7376-3-8	...	The Deficiency is paid up by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing of rain fall in the Vala State during the year 1914–15.

Name of State.	April 1914		May 1914		June 1914		July 1914		August 1914		September 1914		October 1914		November 1914		December 1914		January 1915		February 1915		March 1915		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Vala	.	...	...	37	7	65	6	44	1	27	6	86	..	..	...	7	.	.	...	.	.	...	...	26	22	92	25	23	22	33	

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APPENDIX XVIII

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year.) Bengali.			During March (present year) Bengali.			Remarks.
		M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
1	Wheat	...	11	10	...	8	20	Per one Rupee.
2	Bajri	...	9	30	...	8	30	„
3	Juwar	...	13	...	...	12	...	„
4	Gram	...	10	20	...	8	30	„

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure of public Works carried out in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

Description of Works.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
City road repairs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District road repairs.	...	292	292	...	...	...	292	
Construction and repairs to Darbari buildings.	...	7219	7219	...	...	...	7219	
Public Gardens.	...	2915	2915	...	...	...	2915	
Miscellaneous repairs-Water works, Construction of wells, Tanks, River-bandhs & Village Houses.	...	8884	8884	...	...	...	8884	
Total...	...	19310	19310	...	...	...	19310	

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Vala State, during the year 1914-15.

State.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes. Male.	Buffaloes. Female.	Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With 2 bullocks.	With 4 bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying	
Vala.	1914-15	3059	1267	762	1317	34	106	33	159	6556	1163	249	24	514	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State for the year 1914-15.

Stations.	Country spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue	
Vala	3	134	5	92	1	22	...	...	9	248	

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Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX

Statement showing receipts and Charges of the

No.	Name of Heads.	Receipts.
	Opening balance	17880
	605 Cash	
	17275 Grain etc.	
	17880	
1	Land Revenue ...	181433
2	Taxes ...	5345
3	Sayer ...	13948
4	Law and Justice ...	4057
5	Interest realized ...	3259
6	Miscellaneous ...	2493
7	Produce of Oghachhut villages ...	11698
	Total of 1 to 7	2,22233
8	Recovery of outstanding dues ...	18036
9	Advances Recovered ...	1780
10	On account of difference in Prices of grain &c....	7190
		249239
	Grand Total...	267119
	Debt including loans as under:—	
	The State has to pay Government loan debt of Rs. 153235	
	Plus interest Rs. 7280-12-0	
	and Private debt of.....Rs. 300000	

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XXII.

Vala State for the Dewali year ending October 1914.

No.	Name of Heads.	Expenditure.
1	General Administration	40085
2	Jail Charges	170
3	Police Charges	10938
4	Political Charges	17750
5	Bardashi Charges	4330
6	Education Do.	3632
7	Agriculture	18768
8	P. W. Expenses	14501
9	Darbar Charges	68929
10	Dharmada	5832
11	Municipal	12898
12	Medical	3756
13	Revenue Survey	613
14	Miscellaneous	1009
15	Advances	7420
16	Debts	
	(a) Govt. loan Instalment with interest	31183
	(b) Part payment of private debt	18760
	Total...	260574
	Closing balance...	6545
	Total...	267119

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APPENDIX XXIII

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1914–15.

No.	Dispensaries	Number of patients treated.		Result of In-door patients				Expenditure	Daily average	Remarks.
		Out-door	In-door.	Discharged	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	Vala	7415	3	3	...	...	...	3264–10–6	66	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State, for the year 1914--15.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
		1913-14	1914-15			1913-14	1914-15			Births.		Deaths.		
										1913-14	1914-15	1913-14	1914-15	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vala	13011	360	505	145	...	269	260	...	9	27·7	38·8	20·7	20	These figures do not include statistic of 6 zilla villages.

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1914–15.

Number of schools.		Description of Schools.	No. of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Total.	Remarks
1913–14	1914–15		1913–14	1914–15	1913–14	1914–15	High school.	Secondary.	Primary.		
1	1	Middle School.	27	45	26	28	...	1194			
7	7	Primary Boys Schools.	336	330	267	248	...		2655		
1	1	„ Girls School.	84	89	59	62	...				

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